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FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL TRADE
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DIGEST

Farm Product Exports Down 4 Percent During October-January (see p. 4). January's agricultural export value totaled \$1.94 billion. In October 1977 through January 1978, cumulative exports amounted to \$8 billion, compared with \$8.36 billion during similar months the previous year. Coarse grain accounted for most of the reduction. Wheat and corn prices averaged substantially lower.

U.S. Farm Imports Increase Slightly in October-January 1977/78 (see p. 17). Noncompetitive imports, mainly green coffee, declined in October-January from a year ago, while competitive imports increased. Value increases for sugar, beef and veal, live animals, and vegetables more than offset the drop in vegetable oil imports.

Agricultural Trade With Ireland (see p. 35). Agricultural imports from Ireland were up in 1977 to \$20.7 million compared to \$16.6 million in 1976. Even though U.S. exports to Ireland declined from \$33.9 million in 1977 to \$32.4 million in 1976, we still show a favorable agricultural trade balance.

International Price Highlights (see p. 42). In January, international commodity prices generally stayed at their December level. Wheat, corn and grain sorghum export prices rose slightly, while soybean export price declined. International rice prices are at their highest point of 2 years. Among import commodities, coffee prices strengthened slightly while cocoa beans declined. The London Daily Price for sugar showed unexpected strength.

FARM PRODUCTS EXPORTS DOWN 4 PERCENT DURING OCTOBER-JANUARY

In January, farm product exports totaled \$1.94 billion, down somewhat from their December level, but above that for January 1977. Grain exports, at just over 5.7 million metric tons, were considerably below December's 7.3 million-ton rate. While grain movements were up from last January's 5.4 million-ton volume, prices averaged well below those a year earlier.

For the October-January period, agricultural exports amounted to \$8 billion, 4 percent below those for the same months last year. Coarse grain shipments--mainly feed corn--dropped to 16 million tons, 13 percent below their year earlier level; value fell 25 percent to \$1.5 billion. Export unit values for coarse grains averaged \$95 per ton, compared with \$110 from October 1976 to January 1977.

The decline in coarse grain exports more than offset increased values for most other agricultural export commodities. Wheat volume was up 8 percent from its year earlier rate; however, lower prices resulted in a 9-percent value decline.

Soybean and other oilseed product exports continued to expand. From October to January, oilseed and product exports yielded \$2.5 billion versus \$2.27 billion a year ago. Soybean shipments were up 17 percent--to 7.5 million tons--averaging \$220 per ton against \$250 during October 1976 to January 1977.

January cotton exports surged to 520,000 bales, reflecting good foreign demand and the continued shipments of unfilled orders built up during the September-November longshoremen's strike.

Other export value increases during October to January from year-earlier levels included animal products--mainly live animals, dairy products, fats and oils, and beef--fresh fruits, and edible nuts.

The October-January agricultural trade surplus amounted to \$3.85 billion, 11 percent below similar months a year earlier.

Table 1--Agricultural, nonagricultural, and total trade balance

Item	October-January		January	
	1976/77	1977/78	1977	1978
-- Million dollars --				
Agricultural exports <u>1/</u>	8,360	8,049	1,907	1,938
Nonagricultural exports <u>2/</u>	30,509	30,885	6,911	7,276
Total exports <u>2/</u>	38,869	38,934	8,818	9,214
Agricultural imports <u>3/</u>	4,018	4,201	1,139	1,247
Nonagricultural imports <u>4/</u>	39,798	45,784	9,880	11,561
Total imports <u>4/</u>	43,816	49,985	11,019	12,808
Agricultural trade balance	4,342	3,848	768	691
Nonagricultural trade balance ..	-9,289	-14,899	-2,969	-4,285
Total trade balance	-4,947	-11,051	-2,201	-3,594

1/ Domestic exports including Department of Defense shipments (F.A.S. value).

2/ Domestic and foreign exports excluding Department of Defense shipments (F.A.S. value).

3/ Imports for consumption (Customs value).

4/ General imports (Customs value).

Table 2 --U.S. agricultural exports: Value by commodity,
October-January 1976/77 and 1977/78 and January 1977 and 1978

Commodity	October-January		Change	January		Change
	1976/77	1977/78		1977	1978	
	Million dollars		Percent	Million dollars		Percent
Animals and animal products:						
Dairy products	45	50	+11	14	14	---
Fats, oils, and greases	165	183	+11	34	40	+18
Hides and skins, including furskins :	264	244	-8	93	85	-9
Cattle hides, whole	173	153	-12	44	40	-9
Furskins	72	70	-3	42	39	-7
Other hides and skins	19	21	+11	7	6	-14
Meats and meat products	201	184	-8	41	50	+22
Poultry and poultry products	97	114	+18	22	29	+32
Other	68	73	+7	14	14	---
Total animals and animal products :	840	848	+1	218	232	+6
Cotton, excluding linters	435	466	+7	127	156	+23
Feeds and fodders, excl. protein meal:						
Corn byproducts	69	74	+7	17	25	+47
Alfalfa meal	25	14	-44	5	3	-40
Other	105	72	-31	31	13	-58
Total feeds and fodders, excl. protein meal	199	160	-20	53	41	-23
Fruits and preparations	248	297	+20	50	67	+34
Grains and preparations:						
Feed grains, excluding products	2,064	1,526	-26	432	378	-12
Rice	208	217	+4	39	38	-3
Wheat and products	997	911	-9	191	227	+19
Other	71	84	+18	14	25	+79
Total grains and preparations	3,340	2,738	-18	676	668	-1
Nuts and preparations	92	114	+24	11	17	+55
Oilseeds and products:						
Cottonseed and soybean oil	144	198	+38	38	43	+13
Soybeans	1,606	1,646	+2	369	323	-12
Protein meal	316	341	+8	90	112	+24
Other	206	433	+110	33	62	+88
Total oilseeds and products	2,272	2,618	+10	530	540	+2
Tobacco, unmanufactured	432	426	-1	126	96	-24
Vegetables and preparations	222	149	-33	49	35	-29
Other	280	232	-17	67	86	+28
Total agricultural exports	8,360	8,048	-4	1,907	1,938	+2

Table 3-- Export quantities of selected commodities,
October-January 1976/77 and 1977/78 and January 1977 and 1978

Commodity	October-January		January	
	1976/77	1977/78	1977	1978
-- 1,000 metric tons --				
Animal products:				
Fats, oils, and greases	428	439	86	96
Meats and meat products	123	117	26	29
Poultry meat, fresh or frozen :	71	66	15	16
Grains:				
Wheat and wheat flour	7,279	7,842	1,410	1,863
Feed grains	18,723	16,114	3,943	3,790
Rice	693	629	108	93
Oilseeds and products:				
Soybeans	6,398	7,484	1,386	1,432
Protein meal	1,625	1,726	433	582
Vegetable oils and waxes	349	480	89	104
Other:				
Fruits and preparations <u>1/</u>	471	504	109	124
Vegetables and preparations <u>2/</u> :	571	271	142	71
Tobacco	118	101	35	24
Cotton, excluding linters	264	326	77	113
Feeds and fodders <u>3/</u>	1,389	1,110	352	218
Total	38,502	37,209	8,211	8,555

1/ Includes fresh fruits, canned fruits, and dried fruits.

2/ Includes fresh vegetables, canned vegetables, and pulses.

3/ Includes prepared animal feeds, corn byproducts, and alfalfa meal and cubes.

Table 4--U.S. agricultural exports: Value by months, October 1968 to September 1978 (Million dollars)

Months	1968/69	1969/70 1/	1970/71	1971/72	1972/73	1973/74	1974/75	1975/76	1976/77 2/	1977/78 2/
October	463.8	644.9	729.9	465.9	907.5	1,734.4	1,711.9	2,081.9	2,250.7	1,705.1
November	609.4	657.8	725.8	630.2	1,080.4	2,085.6	2,352.5	2,175.6	2,120.9	2,081.5
December	610.7	590.9	744.6	841.5	1,108.6	1,973.3	2,119.5	1,959.4	2,081.4	2,323.9
October-December	1,683.9	1,893.6	2,200.3	1,937.6	3,096.5	5,793.3	6,183.9	6,216.9	6,453.0	6,110.5
January	177.7	524.1	670.3	769.7	1,135.5	1,833.9	2,452.9	1,994.1	1,906.8	1,937.7
February	239.5	559.6	634.5	714.2	1,180.1	1,909.8	1,920.2	1,715.1	2,045.9	
March	517.2	569.7	714.5	668.2	1,411.4	2,092.6	1,911.0	1,873.3	2,293.1	
January-March	934.4	1,653.4	2,019.3	2,152.1	3,727.0	5,836.3	6,284.1	5,582.5	6,245.8	
October-March	2,618.3	3,547.0	4,219.6	4,089.7	6,823.5	11,629.6	12,468.0	11,799.4	12,698.8	
April	602.0	558.4	632.1	627.7	1,265.5	2,011.1	1,757.6	1,932.3	2,208.9	
May	583.6	573.7	623.1	711.5	1,367.3	1,796.5	1,496.2	1,848.4	2,199.4	
June	513.2	599.4	607.1	743.5	1,376.1	1,704.4	1,389.6	1,823.8	1,882.1	
April-June	1,698.8	1,731.5	1,862.3	2,082.7	4,008.9	5,512.0	4,643.4	5,604.5	6,290.4	
July	499.8	567.8	578.5	680.8	1,223.7	1,631.5	1,532.4	1,798.6	1,748.9	
August	438.4	537.5	546.2	679.0	1,478.1	1,452.3	1,600.4	1,759.6	1,541.6	
September	471.5	568.3	749.3	709.5	1,449.2	1,382.6	1,609.8	1,796.9	1,733.8	
July-September	1,409.7	1,673.6	1,874.0	2,069.3	4,151.0	4,466.4	4,742.6	5,355.1	5,024.3	
April-September	3,108.5	3,405.1	3,736.3	4,152.0	8,159.9	9,978.4	9,386.0	10,959.6	11,314.7	
October-September 3/	5,726.8	6,952.1	7,955.9	8,241.7	14,983.4	21,608.0	21,854.0	22,759.0	24,013.5	
Monthly average ...	477.2	579.3	663.0	686.8	1,248.6	1,800.7	1,821.2	1,896.6	2,001.1	

1/ Beginning Jan. 1970, export values include small amounts of commodities formerly classified as nonagricultural.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Table 5--U.S. agricultural imports: Value by commodity,

Commodity	Oct-January			January		
	1977	1978	Change	1977	1978	Change
	Million dollars		Percent	Million dollars		Percent
<u>Complementary</u>						
Bananas, fresh	102	103	+1	24	25	+4
Cocoa and chocolate:						
Cocoa beans	127	149	+17	57	69	+21
Cocoa butter	28	23	-18	7	6	-14
Cocoa cake, powder, and chocolate	36	82	+128	11	21	+91
Coffee:						
Coffee, green or crude	1,205	1,105	-8	402	414	+3
Coffee, soluble	70	50	-29	20	28	+40
Drugs, crude	41	39	-5	9	5	-44
Essential oils	26	22	-15	7	5	-29
Fibers, unmanufactured	10	7	-30	2	1	-50
Rubber, crude:						
Rubber, crude, dry form	174	181	+4	51	39	-23
Rubber, latex	17	19	+12	5	2	-60
Silk, raw	2	1	-50	1/	1/	---
Spices	40	37	-7	10	9	-10
Tea, crude	38	33	-13	9	7	-22
Wool, carpet	7	1	-86	2	1/	---
Other complementary products	62	146	+136	16	43	+169
Total complementary products	1,985	1,997	+1	632	674	+7
<u>Supplementary</u>						
Animals and animal products:						
Cattle and calves	85	103	+21	16	17	+6
Dairy products and eggs	120	117	-2	25	26	+4
Hides and skins, including furskins	45	56	+24	12	17	+42
Meats and meat products, excluding poultry:						
Beef and veal	248	261	+5	63	62	-2
Pork	146	135	-8	37	43	+16
Other meats and meat products	13	14	+8	3	5	+67
Sausage casings	11	10	-9	3	2	-33
Wool, apparel	19	18	-5	6	7	+17
Other animals and animal products	55	44	-20	16	14	-12
Total animals and animal products	742	758	+2	181	193	+7
Cotton, raw, excluding lintens	10	1	-90	1	0	---
Feeds and fodders	24	21	-12	6	6	---
Fruits and preparations	93	124	+33	30	39	+30
Grains and preparations	52	48	-8	14	11	-21
Nuts and preparations	66	63	-4	15	12	-20
Oilseeds, oilnuts, and products:						
Coconut oil	74	57	-23	17	13	-24
Palm and palm kernel oil	66	35	-47	24	8	-67
Olive oil, edible	13	11	-15	3	3	---
Other oilseeds and products	53	32	-40	16	8	-50
Seeds, cut flowers, & nursery stk., excl. oilseeds	41	47	+15	11	11	---
Sugar and molasses:						
Sugar, cane or beet	277	384	+42	45	52	+16
Molasses, inedible	28	22	-21	7	4	-43
Tobacco, unmanufactured, incl. bulk smoking ..	93	109	+17	27	31	+15
Vegetables and preparations	143	212	+48	50	101	+102
Wines and malt beverages:						
Wines	122	122	---	29	33	+14
Malt beverages	48	36	-25	13	1	-92
Other supplementary vegetable products	80	110	+38	17	48	+182
Total supplementary products	2,025	2,202	+9	506	574	+13
Total agricultural imports	4,010	4,200	+5	1,138	1,247	+10

1/ Less than \$500.

Table 6--U.S. agricultural exports to 15 countries: Value by commodity, 1975-77.

Country and year ending Dec. 30. 1/	Wheat and flour	Rice	Coarse grains	Oilseeds	Oilcake and meal	Fruits, nuts, and vegetables	Cotton ex. lint	Tobacco unmfg.	Animals and products	Other	Total
-- Million dollars --											
Japan:											
1975	506	7	958	668	1	160	201	132	312	137	3,082
1976	522	4	1,023	697	22	203	259	223	473	137	3,563
1977	375	2/	1,061	965	56	203	310	260	472	155	3,857
Netherlands:											
1975	130	12	605	651	42	48	2	40	41	151	1,722
1976	94	18	538	773	68	67	3	39	72	213	1,885
1977	70	15	430	987	106	58	6	51	93	308	2,124
Germany, Fed. Rep.:											
1975	137	24	554	330	161	90	7	128	63	71	1,565
1976	125	26	677	356	210	122	8	105	99	99	1,827
1977	9	20	369	464	236	122	14	122	126	174	1,656
Canada:											
1975	2/	28	83	135	45	525	35	2	217	235	1,305
1976	2/	23	68	130	58	520	47	3	357	279	1,485
1977	7	25	29	150	85	566	68	4	312	304	1,550
U.S.S.R.:											
1975	667	9	429	2/	0	8	2/	0	19	1	1,133
1976	250	15	1,081	125	0	10	0	0	5	1	1,487
1977	427	25	385	159	2	19	2/	0	8	12	1,037
Korea:											
1975	269	175	65	7	2/	2	237	5	64	6	830
1976	259	39	111	33	2/	1	256	13	110	8	830
1977	202	12	158	44	2/	3	315	21	157	7	919
United Kingdom:											
1975	60	11	98	78	14	68	6	124	80	50	589
1976	5	11	173	89	10	107	12	109	134	49	689
1977	7	8	289	160	10	91	21	83	147	64	890
Italy:											
1975	74	2	334	191	55	17	21	51	39	14	798
1976	56	11	346	205	81	20	20	52	73	13	877
1977	36	7	202	241	94	22	27	68	61	49	807
Mexico:											
1975	13	2/	309	9	4	53	2/	0	128	70	586
1976	2/	2/	84	70	2	25	2/	2/	130	59	370
1977	41	2/	243	116	58	22	2/	0	124	60	664
Spain:											
1975	6	2/	407	263	21	16	14	16	29	7	779
1976	5	4	210	259	52	20	9	10	39	9	617
1977	7	0	165	323	31	13	34	9	45	7	634
Taiwan:											
1975	72	0	90	212	2/	5	123	27	28	8	565
1976	78	0	99	148	2/	7	84	19	29	10	474
1977	64	0	120	195	3	7	134	38	39	12	612
Egypt:											
1975	169	0	69	1	4	2/	4	14	45	119	425
1976	216	2/	74	2/	5	2/	0	18	54	87	454
1977	180	2/	51	13	9	2	47	44	64	130	540
France:											
1975	20	6	6	71	123	51	11	9	80	29	406
1976	10	4	39	75	95	71	8	11	116	29	458
1977	11	2	25	147	19	71	22	9	131	28	465
Belgium-Luxembourg:											
1975	24	5	116	61	42	12	6	11	37	33	347
1976	7	9	213	106	37	24	7	10	59	44	516
1977	5	6	194	115	11	22	3	17	62	26	461
Iran:											
1975	138	166	12	2/	2/	2	0	1	16	88	423
1976	53	75	34	0	8	1	0	7	16	44	238
1977	133	163	17	2/	12	5	0	8	23	62	423
Other:											
1975	3,008	413	1,103	468	160	315	324	317	488	742	7,338
1976	2,360	390	1,209	494	251	444	336	321	614	798	7,217
1977	1,309	415	1,124	719	236	480	528	375	803	1,053	7,042
Total:											
1975	5,293	858	5,238	3,145	672	1,372	991	877	1,686	1,761	21,893
1976	4,040	629	5,979	3,560	899	1,642	1,049	940	2,380	1,879	22,997
1977	2,883	698	4,862	4,798	968	1,706	1,529	1,109	2,667	2,451	23,671

1/ Not adjusted for transshipments

2/ Less than \$1 million.

Table 7 --Export quantities of selected commodities,
October-December and December 1976 and 1977

Commodity	October-December		December	
	1976	1977	1976	1977
-- 1,000 metric tons --				
Animal products:				
Fats, oils, and greases	345	351	135	118
Meats and meat products	115	104	37	39
Poultry meat, fresh or frozen :	55	49	20	17
Grains:				
Wheat and products	5,996	6,136	1,628	2,522
Feed grains and products	14,856	12,439	4,264	4,796
Rice	585	536	261	189
Oilseeds and products:				
Soybeans	5,012	6,052	1,543	1,552
Protein meal	1,191	1,221	444	488
Vegetable oils and waxes	251	366	93	131
Other:				
Fruits and preparations <u>1/</u> ...:	362	380	110	134
Vegetables and preparations <u>2/</u> :	515	266	168	91
Tobacco	83	77	35	47
Cotton, excluding linters:	187	212	82	108
Feeds and fodders <u>3/</u>	639	605	209	142
Total	30,192	28,794	9,029	10,374

1/ Includes fresh fruits, canned fruits, and dried fruits.

2/ Includes fresh vegetables, canned vegetables, and pulses.

3/ Includes prepared animal feeds, corn byproducts, and alfalfa meal and cubes.

Table 8--U.S. agricultural exports by regions, October-December and December 1976 and 1977

Region 1/	October-December			December			Change	
	1976	1977		1976	1977		Oct-Dec. 1977	December 1977
	-- Million dollars --						-- Percent --	
Western Europe	2,661	2,268		840	838		-15	---
Enlarged European Community	2,245	1,772		695	613		-21	-12
Other Western Europe	416	495		145	224		+19	+55
Eastern Europe and USSR	465	406		160	176		-13	+10
USSR	266	240		104	107		-10	+3
Eastern Europe	199	166		56	69		-17	+23
Asia	1,978	2,005		672	829		+1	+23
West Asia	248	232		81	88		-5	+9
South Asia	207	75		31	25		-64	-19
Southeast Asia, ex. Japan and PRC	527	557		203	244		+6	+20
Japan	995	1,078		357	447		+8	+25
Peoples Republic of China	---	63		---	25		---	---
Latin America	477	566		155	191		+19	+23
Canada, excluding transshipments	411	375		135	121		-9	-10
Canadian transshipments	124	130		8	25		+5	+213
Africa	300	318		102	128		+6	+26
North Africa	172	192		52	76		+12	+46
Other Africa	128	125		49	52		-2	+6
Oceania	37	44		11	17		+19	+55
Total 2/	6,453	6,111		2,081	2,324		-6	+12

1/ Not adjusted for transshipments.

2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Table 9 --U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS: QUANTITY AND VALUE BY COMMODITY--CONTINUED

COMMODITY	UNIT	OCTOBER-DECEMBER		DECEMBER	
		QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
		75/76	76/77 1/	1976	1977 1/
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HIDES AND SKINS, INC. FURSKINS					
CATTLE HIDES, WHOLE	N0	6,736	171,280	159,410	65,422
FURSKINS			128,441	113,286	44,122
OTHER			29,604	30,407	17,066
			13,4235	15,716	4,095
OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCTS					
HAIR, ANIMAL, EX WOOL OR FINE HAIR	KG	103	24,695	24,651	8,442
SAUSAGE CASINGS	KG	2,001	76	13	21
WOOL, UNMANUFACTURED, INC FINE HAIR	KG	1,012	7,475	8,314	2,692
OTHER			9,485	9,241	4,333
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS					
			5,832,987	5,469,509	1,861,512
COTTON, UNMANUFACTURED					
COTTON, RAW	RBA	914	307,333	307,194	131,112
LINTERS	RBA	659	304,933	305,602	157,186
	RBA	55	2,400	1,592	130,353
FRUITS AND PREPARATIONS					
CANNED			198,766	229,428	61,467
CHERRIES	KG	41,278	25,890	26,622	11,575
FRUIT COCKTAIL	KG	1,704	1,737	2,656	7,669
PEACHES	KG	11,025	12,475	7,018	821
PEARS	KG	15,676	16,297	8,481	3,949
PIREAPPLES	KG	852	1,014	633	2,132
OTHER	KG	6,066	521	293	2,064
	KG	6,022	3,723	2,451	198
DRIED	KG	5,195	4,713	3,990	354
PRUNES	KG	35,874	37,625	48,339	1,623
GRAPES (RAISINS)	KG	17,509	14,642	21,577	1,684
OTHER	KG	13,702	17,028	4,522	13,435
FRESH	KG	4,663	5,955	5,033	13,868
	KG	235,051	99,088	1,900	5,754
APPLES	KG	41,676	14,824	86,949	6,888
BERRIES	KG	2,561	1,319	17,592	2,168
GRAPEFRUITS	KG	59,994	13,540	17,592	30,323
GRAPES	KG	40,884	21,581	652	43,380
LEMONS AND LIMES	KG	47,093	19,676	13,694	14,069
ORANGES, TANGERINES, & CLEMENTINES	KG	73,332	20,587	24,924	827
PEARS	KG	9,551	3,137	3,882	351
OTHER	KG	9,953	3,955	3,257	13,197
FRUIT JUICES	LIT	49,135	30,538	3,243	3,081
GRAPEFRUIT	LIT	5,833	3,015	13,573	6,988
ORANGE	LIT	2,239	21,911	18,624	4,812
OTHER	LIT	15,983	5,512	8,029	5,526
FROZEN FRUITS	KG	3,809	3,318	3,984	4,934
OTHER	KG	4,942	2,308	594	9,026
	KG			1,412	3,235
NUTS AND PREPARATIONS					
ALMONDS, SHELLED BASIS	KG	18,657	83,994	101,038	12,091
ALMONDS, NOT SHELLED BASIS	KG	35,132	35,321	45,034	2,422
OTHER	KG		37,677	37,058	7,515
			15,091	18,947	2,774
					590
					825
					19,067
					9,323
					13,363
					4,978
					3,563
					6,006

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Table 9--U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS: QUANTITY AND VALUE BY COMMODITY--CONTINUED

COMMODITY	UNIT	OCTOBER-DECEMBER				DECEMBER			
		QUANTITY		VALUE		QUANTITY		VALUE	
		75/76	76/77 1/	75/76	76/77 1/	1976	1977 1/	1976	1977 1/
		THOU.	THOU.	1,000 DOL.	1,000 DOL.	THOU.	THOU.	1,000 DOL.	1,000 DOL.
TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURED									
CURLEY	KG	83,273	77,196	365,610	329,916	34,646	46,829	133,244	203,020
KENTUCKY	KG	5,168	1,555	21,705	7,372	2,362	941	10,640	4,674
CIGAR WRAPPER	KG	554	432	8,053	4,894	210	231	2,727	2,504
DARK-CURED KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE	KG	2,256	1,595	6,705	6,014	502	924	1,536	3,566
FLUE-CURED	KG	56,656	57,396	247,951	301,799	24,598	34,430	112,673	186,452
MARYLAND	KG	938	126	3,360	421	240	120	847	402
BULK SMOKING TOBACCO	KG	1,646	238	5,183	521	353	97	1,288	236
OTHER	KG	14,014	15,885	12,654	8,895	6,419	9,786	3,492	5,185
VEGETABLES AND PREPARATIONS									
CANNED	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ASPARAGUS	KG	4,799	32,013	213,349	147,432	13,157	11,948	73,120	55,721
CORN	KG	313	326	369	522	174	218	7,661	8,197
SOUPS	KG	7,281	10,693	4,423	5,903	2,466	4,085	1,444	356
TOMATOES, TOMATO SAUCE AND PUREE	KG	3,797	3,840	2,840	2,789	956	1,698	1,799	2,252
OTHER	KG	7,316	7,397	4,907	5,610	2,046	2,272	1,518	1,746
PULSES	KG	22,075	9,564	10,399	6,314	7,516	3,674	3,719	2,577
DRIED BEANS	KG	95,113	59,596	36,942	28,690	25,697	18,903	10,313	9,107
DRIED PEAS, INC CORN AND CHICK	KG	54,803	47,452	20,597	22,397	14,017	13,450	5,455	6,543
DRIED LENTILS	KG	25,451	10,651	9,741	4,981	8,510	5,144	3,300	2,344
FRESH	KG	13,773	1,493	6,634	1,311	3,171	299	1,558	220
ASPARAGUS	KG	378,801	173,659	77,925	47,222	129,423	59,684	26,875	15,921
LETTUCE	KG	159	167	91	114	135	76	68	44
ONIONS	KG	45,184	45,423	9,580	9,450	15,516	14,562	2,969	2,996
POTATOES, EXCEPT SWEET POTATOES	KG	73,111	19,468	14,543	4,591	25,595	8,831	5,351	2,092
TOMATOES	KG	181,657	28,426	26,784	4,520	55,461	4,190	8,049	726
OTHER	KG	2,423	26,577	10,447	10,072	10,293	9,112	3,431	2,891
FROZEN VEGETABLES	KG	55,451	53,599	16,179	18,475	22,423	22,913	7,068	7,172
HOPS, INCLUDING EXTRACTS	KG	19,439	11,115	9,703	6,804	7,184	4,685	3,539	2,882
SOUPS AND VEGETABLES, DEHYDRATED	KG	4,304	2,560	9,643	5,714	1,510	1,677	3,436	3,759
TOMATO JUICE, CANNED	KG	14,392	7,464	15,280	18,976	5,955	3,514	6,259	4,930
VEGETABLE SEASONINGS	LIT	7,139	4,434	2,439	2,415	2,468	1,229	1,012	660
OTHER	KG	5,643	4,372	6,798	5,111	2,004	1,865	2,516	2,182
OTHER VEGETABLE PRODUCTS									
COFFEE	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
DRUGS, FERBS, ROOTS, ETC.	KG	3,561	5,670	173,619	200,842	1,213	1,938	63,348	85,090
ESSENTIAL OILS AND RESINOIDS	KG	1,344	1,229	13,282	19,714	398	618	4,992	7,248
FLAVORING SIRUPS, SUGARS, EXTRACTS	KG	1,798	1,177	24,392	18,999	673	619	8,831	10,947
HONEY	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
NURSERY STOCK	KG	432	588	21,658	22,875	123	273	7,555	9,418
SEEDS, EXCEPT OILSEEDS	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
SPICES	KG	33,860	113,691	19,244	10,333	17,080	55,358	21,740	4,275
OTHER	KG	1,321	1,340	3,319	3,385	426	658	1,102	3,112
1/ PRELIMINARY	---	---	---	41,442	39,158	---	---	12,332	15,958

U.S. FARM IMPORTS INCREASE SLIGHTLY IN OCTOBER-JANUARY 1977/78

From October 1977 to January 1978, U.S. agricultural imports were valued at \$4.2 billion, 4 percent higher than a year ago. Noncompetitive imports declined from the level during the previous period. Most of the value decrease was in green coffee, due chiefly to a fall-off in roastings and consumption and relatively favorable inventories. The volume of imported green coffee declined by more than the value as unit import prices rose from \$1.40 per pound during October 1976 to January 1977 to about \$1.80 per pound in the first one-third of fiscal 1978. A 6-percent rise in January in the unit import price of green coffee caused the month's coffee imports to increase about one-third to \$414 million, the highest since last April. The quantity imported in January declined slightly.

Among other noncompetitive imports value imports of soluble coffee declined while price inflation caused value increases in cocoa beans, cocoa powder, and dry rubber. Volume imports of the three latter products declined.

During the first third of fiscal 1978, competitive imports rose as value increases for sugar, beef and veal, live animals, and vegetables more than offset the large decline in vegetable oils (mainly palm and coconut oils). The value of sugar imports rose by 42 percent, mainly due to a record \$185 million December imports in anticipation of higher U.S. import fees. Sugar imports in January valued at \$52 million were the lowest since last March.

A new fixed import fee structure for sugar was announced in January to replace the variable system established in November. Beginning January 21, all imported raw sugar is subject to fixed fees of 2.7 cents per pound and refined sugar to 3.22 cents per pound, provided the fees do not exceed 50 percent of the value of imported sugar.

Imports of palm oil fell by about one-half from a year ago as some substitution occurred with domestic soybean oil. In recent months, soybean and palm oil prices have been about the same, reducing the incentive to import.

In fiscal 1978, it is expected that imports of noncompetitive products, mainly tropical, will increase while competitive commodities will decline. Price increases for cocoa beans are expected to result in larger imports, which will offset small value declines anticipated for coffee and tea.

Among competitive imports, moderate growth is expected for meat and meat products, dairy and poultry products, wine, and tobacco. These increases will be more than offset by anticipated declines in imports of vegetables and preparations, sugar, and vegetable oils. The extent of the drop in sugar imports will depend partly on draw-down in domestic stock levels and the size of U.S. production. ^{1/}

Imports of palm oil are expected to be about the same or slightly less in fiscal 1978 as larger anticipated supplies of soybean oil and similar prices for soybean and palm oil may reduce the need to import. ^{2/} High prices for coconut oil and larger domestic supplies of other vegetable oils may reduce coconut oil imports in fiscal 1978.

^{1/} U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economics, Statistics, and Cooperatives Service, Sugar and Sweetener Report, Feb. 1978.

^{2/} U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economics, Statistics, and Cooperatives Service, Fats and Oils Situation, Feb. 1978.

Table 10--U.S. agricultural imports: Value by months, October 1968 to September 1978 (Million dollars)

Months	1968/69 1/	1969/70 1/	1970/71	1971/72	1972/73	1973/74	1974/75	1975/76	1976/77 2/	1977/78 2/
October	396.0	469.1	480.3	302.5	573.6	712.2	740.9	828.6	811.4	855.1
November	419.4	411.2	442.9	298.2	547.7	862.5	837.3	804.9	971.7	814.5
December	419.8	481.8	522.3	540.2	550.2	778.6	965.6	768.3	1,095.6	1,284.7
October-December ..	1,235.2	1,362.1	1,445.5	1,140.9	1,671.5	2,353.3	2,543.8	2,401.8	2,878.7	2,954.3
January	208.6	491.0	506.6	575.6	648.9	786.9	810.9	817.5	1,139.3	1,246.7
February	315.6	457.5	419.7	591.6	615.3	819.4	693.9	768.6	1,127.2	
March	474.8	523.9	499.6	506.6	658.9	984.2	749.0	960.3	1,300.4	
January-March	999.0	1,472.4	1,425.9	1,673.8	1,923.1	2,590.5	2,253.8	2,546.4	3,566.9	
October-March	2,234.2	2,834.5	2,871.4	2,814.7	3,594.6	4,943.8	4,797.6	4,948.2	6,445.6	
April	487.9	514.5	554.4	489.5	696.5	877.8	761.9	895.7	1,403.9	
May	438.1	443.5	477.9	529.0	786.5	890.1	688.4	847.6	1,256.8	
June	430.0	499.4	529.8	520.6	664.4	841.7	827.3	1,020.1	1,240.1	
April-June	1,356.0	1,457.4	1,562.1	1,539.1	2,147.4	2,609.6	2,277.6	2,763.4	3,900.8	
July	434.0	461.7	489.0	471.6	635.0	897.9	762.1	957.9	1,014.8	
August	407.7	463.8	555.1	563.7	720.4	854.1	687.7	931.6	1,006.2	
September	398.6	469.0	650.5	547.1	639.8	751.1	945.3	913.7	1,016.2	
July-September	1,240.3	1,394.5	1,694.6	1,582.4	1,995.2	2,503.1	2,395.1	2,803.2	3,037.2	
April-September	2,596.3	2,851.9	3,256.7	3,121.5	4,142.6	5,112.7	4,672.7	5,566.6	6,938.0	
October-September ^{3/} ..	4,830.5	5,686.4	6,128.1	5,936.2	7,737.2	10,056.5	9,470.3	10,514.8	13,383.6	
Monthly average ..	402.5	473.9	510.7	494.7	644.8	838.0	789.2	876.2	1,115.3	

1/ Monthly totals for July-Dec. 1969 do not include furskins.

2/ Preliminary. Oct. 1976 data excludes coconut oil imports.

3/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Table 11 —U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS: QUANTITY AND VALUE BY COMMODITY AND COUNTRY

COMMODITY AND COUNTRY	UNIT	OCTOBER-JANUARY		JANUARY		JANUARY	
		QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
		76/77	77/78 1/	1977	1978 1/	1977	1978 1/
			1,000 DOL.		1,000 DOL.		1,000 DOL.
BANANAS, FRESH							
GUATEMALA	MT	696,919	730,326	102,366	103,263	167,942	24,462
HONDURAS		72,432	70,623	6,802	7,373	17,793	1,499
HONDURAS		168,726	163,214	26,550	26,574	38,462	1,654
NICARAGUA		42,392	67,281	7,244	7,607	7,200	6,135
COSTA RICA		236,482	179,161	35,233	27,475	49,000	1,222
PANAMA		27,836	48,918	4,204	6,965	16,585	7,190
COLOMBIA		28,628	54,173	3,970	7,913	6,348	3,901
ECUADOR		114,224	137,680	17,793	17,977	30,075	1,970
OTHER		6,196	9,273	569	1,378	2,475	4,663
						2,539	370
PLANTAINS, FRESH							
HONDURAS	MT	21,337	19,832	2,617	3,692	4,291	571
COSTA RICA		1,196	68	156	9	17	4
COLOMBIA		1,869	1,622	298	378	549	93
ECUADOR		10,621	9,891	993	1,670	2,115	199
OTHER		6,901	7,301	1,067	1,459	1,474	258
		798	948	103	176	134	16
COFFEE, GREEN							
MEXICO	MT	390,838	278,180	1,205,107	1,104,673	119,649	401,651
GUATEMALA		29,859	29,002	105,979	108,364	10,753	42,843
EL SALVADOR		23,060	23,320	71,390	93,136	7,440	24,867
HONDURAS		16,911	5,934	57,480	22,598	2,521	9,131
COSTA RICA		4,246	5,982	12,022	23,227	2,359	7,885
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC		3,455	6,801	12,287	26,260	794	3,204
COLOMBIA		24,470	33,837	89,719	8,424	4,695	18,359
ECUADOR		48,878	44,997	164,520	192,488	17,125	59,982
PERU		22,014	12,661	64,636	43,939	5,585	18,922
BRAZIL		14,311	16,027	39,748	62,056	3,601	12,338
INDONESIA		105,617	19,197	339,818	117,657	38,433	129,196
IVORY COAST		12,276	9,192	29,707	26,796	4,780	13,340
UGANDA		13,484	4,123	37,670	14,701	1,006	1,536
OTHER		24,859	17,627	61,088	64,009	504	3,638
		62,994	58,841	173,924	219,722	7,494	19,974
						13,558	59,867
COFFEE, SOLUBLE, EXT							
CANADA	MT	9,592	3,258	65,729	49,834	2,425	20,020
NICARAGUA		199	160	2,128	2,392	55	730
COLOMBIA		0	116	0	1,157	0	243
BRAZIL		338	1	2,024	12	59	385
FRANCE		6,963	2,000	50,653	26,329	1,883	15,145
FED. REP. OF GERMANY		617	494	6,616	12,974	172	1,896
SPAIN		381	59	2,175	1,022	64	356
OTHER		397	203	3,632	4,354	135	1,245
		694	222	2,502	1,563	53	264
COCOA BEANS							
MEXICO	MT	67,935	38,317	126,857	149,419	31,093	57,224
GUATEMALA		2,513	604	5,700	2,469	1,423	1,634
		395	894	1,079	3,456	246	1,656

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Table 11--U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS: QUANTITY AND VALUE BY COMMODITY AND COUNTRY--CONTINUED

COMMODITY AND COUNTRY	UNIT	OCTOBER--JANUARY		JANUARY		1977		1978 1/		1978 1/	
		QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
		76/77	77/78 1/	76/77	77/78 1/	1977	1,000 DOL.	1978 1/	1,000 DOL.	1978 1/	1,000 DOL.
MALAGASY REPUBLIC		158	102	759	670	17	94	35	94	160	160
FRENCH IND OCEAN APS		21	2	1,191	194	6	496	0	496	14	14
OTHER		292	305	3,199	3,258	63	962	65	962	843	843
FIBERS, EX COTTON, JUTE	MT	21,606	17,112	9,562	7,809	3,221	1,666	1,990	1,666	552	552
MEXICO		1,195	2,092	732	1,381	322	199	708	199	501	501
ECUADOR		3,306	1,529	2,199	1,025	883	593	76	593	48	48
BRAZIL		5,009	2,586	1,011	842	1,005	323	171	323	40	40
INDIA		15	1,382	2	470	0	0	0	0	0	0
SRI LANKA (CEYLON)		577	2,930	133	557	18	4	594	4	111	111
THAILAND		3,017	2,410	2,040	1,461	580	363	56	363	56	56
PHILIPPINES		6,816	3,172	3,085	1,601	43	25	35	25	18	18
KENYA		852	232	364	66	150	64	95	64	38	38
TANZANIA		484	495	228	255	150	73	61	73	29	29
OTHER		331	270	168	151	67	21	190	21	111	111
RUBBER, DRY FORM	MT	225,340	222,768	174,258	181,334	65,512	50,705	45,751	50,705	39,009	39,009
THAILAND		13,173	13,173	17,389	10,235	6,111	6,763	450	6,763	353	353
MALAYSIA		23,091	56,903	54,733	49,285	17,123	14,363	12,786	14,363	11,516	11,516
SINGAPORE		7,281	10,945	5,546	8,738	2,232	1,782	1,504	1,782	1,290	1,290
INDONESIA		108,148	124,586	79,344	98,295	32,150	23,639	27,740	23,639	22,845	22,845
LIBERIA		15,849	14,725	12,229	4,147	4,147	3,306	2,269	3,306	1,934	1,934
OTHER		4,772	2,435	5,018	2,504	746	852	1,000	852	1,071	1,071
RUBBER, LATEX	MT	19,834	20,362	17,084	18,640	5,809	5,040	1,707	5,040	2,690	2,690
MALAYSIA		7,984	6,801	7,340	6,628	2,525	2,355	812	2,355	784	784
INDONESIA		3,661	3,897	2,792	3,400	1,304	956	196	956	164	164
LIBERIA		8,140	9,332	6,907	8,284	1,968	1,717	699	1,717	742	742
OTHER		48	331	45	328	11	11	0	11	0	0
PEPPER, BLACK, UNGROUND	MT	9,966	5,923	16,694	12,965	2,870	5,021	1,421	5,021	3,633	3,633
BRAZIL		2,660	3,157	5,817	7,168	658	543	795	543	2,271	2,271
INDIA		60	146	125	346	60	125	100	125	229	229
SRI LANKA (CEYLON)		0	143	0	282	0	0	7	0	14	14
MALAYSIA		872	206	1,480	451	200	384	6	384	13	13
SINGAPORE		480	154	805	337	0	0	46	0	100	100
INDONESIA		4,870	2,079	8,429	4,309	1,950	3,568	445	3,568	961	961
OTHER		21	35	39	72	9	1	20	1	45	45
TEA, CRUDE OR PREPARED	MT	30,004	16,720	38,054	32,626	7,284	9,382	4,092	9,382	6,771	6,771
CANADA		720	731	1,905	3,393	191	520	185	520	857	857
UNITED KINGDOM		121	234	355	780	25	109	109	77	289	289
NETHERLANDS		357	805	416	1,546	70	90	156	90	245	245
INDIA		3,831	1,066	5,700	3,036	675	974	89	974	336	336
SRI LANKA (CEYLON)		7,059	3,677	5,401	7,084	1,124	1,565	885	1,565	1,096	1,096
INDONESIA		4,597	3,120	6,057	6,221	1,650	2,313	806	2,313	1,452	1,452
PEOPLES REP OF CHINA		1,938	532	1,816	1,145	764	631	40	631	85	85

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Table 11--U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS: QUANTITY AND VALUE BY COMMODITY AND COUNTRY--CONTINUED

COMMODITY AND COUNTRY	UNIT	OCTOBER--JANUARY		JANUARY		JANUARY		JANUARY		JANUARY		JANUARY	
		QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
		76/77	77/78 1/	76/77	77/78 1/	76/77	77/78 1/	76/77	77/78 1/	76/77	77/78 1/	76/77	77/78 1/
			1,000 DOL.		1,000 DOL.		1,000 DOL.		1,000 DOL.		1,000 DOL.		1,000 DOL.
REP. OF CHINA (TAIWAN)													
JAPAN		1,793	874	1,241	1,076	263	188	201	188	231	188	231	188
KENYA		1,027	1,123	628	924	231	135	240	135	175	135	175	135
KENYA		3,257	1,919	4,725	3,825	939	1,403	939	1,403	1,226	1,403	1,226	1,403
MOZAMBIQUE		854	393	792	669	207	161	53	161	67	161	67	161
MALAY		1,325	723	1,395	993	274	327	115	327	160	327	160	327
OTHER		3,121	1,515	3,624	1,836	863	552	547	552	552	552	552	552
WOOL, UNMFG., DUTY FREE	MT												
ARGENTINA		2,905	536	6,942	1,304	899	46	16	2,127	46	2,127	46	2,127
UNITED KINGDOM		264	129	636	317	82	204	0	204	46	204	46	204
SPAIN		544	50	1,355	147	118	336	16	336	46	336	46	336
ITALY		46	10	96	27	6	18	0	18	0	18	0	18
SYRIA		74	15	142	31	11	19	0	19	0	19	0	19
NEW ZEALAND		128	70	196	140	98	153	0	153	0	153	0	153
OTHER		1,671	237	4,203	621	512	1,264	0	1,264	0	1,264	0	1,264
		175	22	314	22	70	135	0	135	0	135	0	135
CATTLE, DUTTABLE	MND												
CANADA		535	588	83,455	102,125	106	17,052	100	16,078	17,052	16,078	17,052	16,078
MEXICO		180	216	36,939	48,712	28	7,249	26	6,088	7,249	6,088	7,249	6,088
OTHER		355	372	44,951	53,353	78	9,785	74	9,809	9,785	9,809	9,785	9,809
		0	0	1,569	59	0	181	0	181	18	181	0	181
CHEESE	MT												
ARGENTINA		45,675	41,211	95,348	88,569	8,149	16,766	6,583	18,083	16,766	18,083	16,766	18,083
NORWAY		1,832	1,351	2,565	2,970	673	223	106	975	223	975	223	975
FINLAND		2,342	2,751	6,555	8,336	300	1,351	470	894	1,351	894	1,351	894
DENMARK		4,159	3,641	8,273	7,075	549	2,082	828	2,082	1,798	2,082	1,798	2,082
NETHERLANDS		4,243	3,203	10,699	8,642	783	2,270	821	2,063	2,270	2,063	2,270	2,063
FRANCE		1,672	1,606	4,831	4,850	142	394	143	394	430	394	430	394
FED. REP. OF GERMANY		2,223	1,761	7,557	6,302	611	1,680	490	2,016	1,680	2,016	1,680	2,016
AUSTRIA		917	557	1,948	1,129	153	339	45	339	116	339	116	339
SWITZERLAND		2,722	3,202	5,290	6,264	433	1,743	761	1,025	1,743	1,025	1,743	1,025
ITALY		2,744	2,216	7,651	6,755	703	1,714	636	1,714	1,924	1,714	1,924	1,714
AUSTRALIA		2,973	2,064	11,232	8,665	783	2,586	524	2,586	2,172	2,586	2,172	2,586
NEW ZEALAND		2,207	2,913	2,635	3,558	482	569	371	569	490	569	490	569
OTHER		13,906	11,906	18,929	16,278	1,392	1,909	653	1,909	981	1,909	981	1,909
		3,689	4,034	7,183	7,737	739	1,587	758	1,587	1,587	1,587	1,587	1,587
CASEIN AND MIXTURES	MT												
ARGENTINA		19,453	20,105	19,702	22,523	4,377	6,535	5,590	4,293	6,535	4,293	6,535	4,293
UNITED KINGDOM		1,388	500	1,146	586	714	280	226	579	280	579	280	579
IRELAND		66	421	102	548	8	12	7	10	12	10	12	10
POLAND		443	1,291	481	1,732	30	827	615	46	827	46	827	46
USSR		1,078	505	1,031	510	610	21	18	552	21	552	21	552
AUSTRALIA		286	862	243	777	150	114	108	122	114	122	114	122
NEW ZEALAND		4,524	3,980	4,548	4,645	449	2,177	1,883	445	2,177	445	2,177	445
OTHER		11,352	12,029	11,685	13,108	2,301	2,870	2,541	2,380	2,870	2,380	2,870	2,380
		312	514	465	617	112	234	187	158	234	158	234	158
SHEEP AND LAMB SKINS	MT												
IRELAND		3,212	3,433	10,805	13,478	1,003	4,113	969	3,248	4,113	3,248	4,113	3,248
		1,655	1,801	5,744	7,320	536	2,066	442	1,652	2,066	1,652	2,066	1,652

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COMMODITY AND COUNTRY		UNIT :		OCTOBER--JANUARY			JANUARY		
		QUANTITY	VALUE	1977	1978 1/	1977	1978 1/	1977	1978 1/
		76/77	77/78 1/	1,000 DOL.	77/78 1/	1,000 DOL.	1,000 DOL.	1,000 DOL.	1,000 DOL.
AFGHANISTAN		221	88	1,028	435	78	20	316	1,000 DOL.
NEW ZEALAND		457	667	1,066	2,133	122	105	300	350
SUDAN		157	50	566	180	71	0	224	0
NIGERIA		191	222	1,036	1,128	8	141	66	744
REP SOUTH AFRICA		254	433	1,322	1,322	32	81	130	420
OTHER		420	348	933	960	154	177	360	414
BEEF AND VEAL	MT	187,787	201,909	248,130	260,511	46,530	47,135	62,842	61,862
CANADA		10,113	8,142	13,253	12,427	3,705	3,188	4,844	5,049
MEXICO		12,145	12,889	14,743	18,294	1,591	3,149	2,043	4,588
GUATEMALA		6,375	6,080	9,515	9,876	1,494	1,196	2,254	2,023
HONDURAS		6,357	7,190	8,646	10,421	3,356	1,067	4,420	1,598
NICARAGUA		9,330	11,233	13,028	16,767	3,892	1,927	5,444	3,103
COSTA RICA		7,486	4,997	10,192	7,726	7,453	944	10,146	1,419
BRAZIL		8,005	4,565	14,687	8,244	1,366	742	2,516	1,263
ARGENTINA		13,707	10,708	22,910	17,776	3,299	2,449	5,685	3,970
AUSTRIA		82,278	104,210	98,572	119,639	14,406	28,070	18,051	33,202
NEW ZEALAND		25,808	29,911	32,949	35,515	4,998	4,128	5,927	5,067
OTHER		6,178	1,979	9,635	3,826	966	271	1,511	580
PORK	MT	46,344	41,978	145,908	134,770	11,762	12,959	36,831	42,974
CANADA		3,418	4,597	6,488	7,864	716	1,096	1,305	1,949
DENMARK		13,267	13,716	45,395	48,835	3,652	3,860	12,210	13,823
NETHERLANDS		7,572	4,074	25,060	14,708	1,778	1,509	5,804	5,482
HUNGARY		2,550	2,562	6,978	7,889	682	986	1,812	3,060
POLAND		12,300	9,839	40,785	32,840	2,892	2,811	9,589	9,720
YUGOSLAVIA		4,197	4,203	13,302	13,417	1,031	1,337	3,279	4,470
ROMANIA		2,260	2,284	5,333	6,957	734	1,164	1,943	3,809
OTHER		777	700	2,566	2,260	274	193	889	660
GELATIN	---	0	0	9,887	12,447	0	0	2,823	3,718
MEXICO		0	0	571	638	0	0	105	137
COLOMBIA		0	0	185	547	0	0	18	117
BRAZIL		0	0	219	1,319	0	0	64	347
ARGENTINA		0	0	98	599	0	0	60	113
SWEDEN		0	0	586	990	0	0	104	211
UNITED KINGDOM		0	0	1,613	1,492	0	0	558	181
NETHERLANDS		0	0	386	367	0	0	70	90
BELGIUM-LUXEMBOURG		0	0	1,275	888	0	0	244	221
FRANCE		0	0	2,337	2,574	0	0	961	1,546
FED. REP. OF GERMANY		0	0	561	368	0	0	177	111
SWITZERLAND		0	0	26	660	0	0	3	89
ITALY		0	0	232	78	0	0	18	31
YUGOSLAVIA		0	0	186	376	0	0	4	155
PEOPLES REP OF CHINA		0	0	594	361	0	0	126	16
JAPAN		0	0	250	502	0	0	106	89
AUSTRALIA		0	0	491	437	0	0	73	229
OTHER		0	0	278	251	0	0	133	36

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COMMODITY AND COUNTRY	UNIT	OCTOBER-JANUARY		JANUARY		1978 1/		1978 1/	
		QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	1977	1,000 DOL.	1977	1,000 DOL.
		76/77	77/78 1/	76/77	77/78 1/	1977	1,000 DOL.	1977	1,000 DOL.
SALSADE CASTINGS	---								
CANADA		0	0	10,799	9,978	0	2,636	0	2,103
MEXICO		0	0	932	1,269	0	297	0	149
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC		0	0	856	662	0	99	0	57
ARGENTINA		0	0	382	162	0	109	0	28
SWEDEN		0	0	332	303	0	117	0	71
NETHERLANDS		0	0	1,119	684	0	399	0	19
NETHERLANDS		0	0	1,242	1,358	0	245	0	270
FED. REP. OF GERMANY		0	0	297	91	0	82	0	498
SPAIN		0	0	1,602	1,610	0	439	0	18
PORTUGAL		0	0	628	670	0	150	0	112
YUGOSLAVIA		0	0	361	365	0	101	0	60
PEOPLES REP. OF CHINA		0	0	456	75	0	122	0	35
AUSTRALIA		0	0	63	221	0	0	0	174
NEW ZEALAND		0	0	405	82	0	139	0	0
OTHER		0	0	900	624	0	102	0	13
				540	717	0	106	0	120
WOOL, UNWED. EX FREE	MT								
ARGENTINA		7,590	6,053	19,314	17,901	2,378	5,988	2,259	7,278
UNITED KINGDOM		986	1,138	2,117	2,675	405	980	305	759
BELGIUM-LUXEMBOURG		32	202	125	588	8	40	171	490
AFGHANISTAN		24	77	59	759	15	4	61	571
PEOPLES REP. OF CHINA		42	99	202	795	0	0	96	776
MONGOLIA		176	310	713	1,986	63	276	99	668
AUSTRALIA		113	43	519	353	24	122	8	36
NEW ZEALAND		5,246	2,022	12,774	4,959	1,511	3,614	605	1,643
OTHER		662	1,736	1,621	4,493	206	498	799	2,050
		305	424	1,185	1,293	143	454	111	285
COTTON, RAW	MT								
MEXICO		6,084	249	10,048	605	281	989	0	0
PERU		4,029	0	5,773	0	18	16	0	0
EGYPT		1,595	0	3,099	0	0	0	0	0
SUDAN		181	32	482	100	180	492	0	0
OTHER		95	216	203	505	0	0	0	0
		182	0	481	0	182	481	0	0
STRAWBERRIES, FRESH	MT								
MEXICO		4,544	3,558	2,391	2,009	1,395	680	1,686	988
NEW ZEALAND		4,501	3,522	2,320	1,924	1,294	680	1,686	987
OTHER		42	35	72	83	0	0	0	0
		3	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
STRAWBERRIES, FROZEN	MT								
MEXICO		5,051	4,454	2,345	2,435	2,263	1,481	2,208	1,195
POLAND		2,938	2,776	1,881	1,453	1,670	1,008	1,296	670
OTHER		2,112	1,614	1,464	923	593	412	891	504
		0	63	0	59	0	0	21	21
ORANGES, CANNED	MT								
PEP. OF CHINA (TAIWAN)		9,935	8,627	6,553	7,397	1,908	1,276	2,303	1,019
		945	721	512	525	341	199	504	365

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COMMODITY AND COUNTRY	UNIT	OCTOBER-JANUARY			JANUARY			VALUE	1978 1/
		QUANTITY	76/77	77/78 1/	QUANTITY	1977	1978 1/		
			76/77	77/78 1/		1977	1978 1/	1,000 DOL.	1978 1/
								1,000 DOL.	1,000 DOL.
JAPAN		8,865	7,590	5,964	1,507	1,718	1,036	1,498	56
OTHER		124	316	76	60	80	41		
PINEAPPLES, CANNED	MT	53,065	52,318	25,382	14,365	13,844	6,585	6,772	
MEXICO		4,234	5,529	2,425	773	1,260	401	669	
THAILAND		11,772	9,199	5,617	2,956	3,144	1,419	1,512	
MALAYSIA		2,317	1,140	1,214	788	367	419	199	
SINGAPORE		1,525	1,640	798	250	408	131	218	
PHILIPPINES		27,733	31,216	12,664	8,250	7,775	3,535	3,656	
REP. OF CHINA (TAIWAN)		3,452	1,954	1,795	802	524	430	302	
REP. SOUTH AFRICA		1,106	998	518	440	229	203	128	
OTHER		922	638	351	102	433	46	88	
CASHEW NUTS	MT	16,242	6,912	34,773	3,801	1,551	8,072	5,332	
BRAZIL		2,445	1,239	4,950	570	524	1,540	1,308	
INDIA		6,480	1,389	15,661	1,542	136	3,772	515	
PEOPLES REP. OF CHINA		838	754	1,550	159	359	285	1,587	
KENYA		208	310	472	34	73	79	296	
TANZANIA		743	464	1,480	237	19	470	85	
MOZAMBIQUE		5,033	2,663	9,437	1,238	437	2,271	1,537	
OTHER		493	89	1,224	19	0	55	4	
COCONUT MEAT	MT	19,321	16,245	9,673	5,511	4,696	2,950	4,118	
COSTA RICA		258	247	178	57	57	59	75	
PHILIPPINES		17,368	15,786	8,602	5,254	4,574	2,785	3,990	
HONG KONG		811	0	403	22	0	12	0	
OTHER		882	212	491	176	64	94	53	
BARLEY	MT	704	936	5,590	429	323	3,413	1,681	
CANADA		703	936	5,589	429	323	3,413	1,679	
OTHER		0	0	1	0	0	0	2	
BISCUITS, CAKES, WAFERS, ETC	MT	12,901	12,202	20,575	2,791	3,327	4,203	5,692	
CANADA		4,823	5,096	6,067	1,147	1,258	1,356	1,512	
MEXICO		592	717	469	149	121	133	114	
COLOMBIA		280	533	195	441	113	76	94	
DENMARK		1,587	948	4,179	256	172	675	451	
UNITED KINGDOM		1,856	1,456	2,707	429	383	651	767	
NETHERLANDS		819	376	1,420	153	236	272	458	
FED. REP. OF GERMANY		700	527	1,489	104	87	218	208	
AUSTRIA		68	578	142	0	351	0	1,037	
SWITZERLAND		84	153	216	21	90	65	231	
ITALY		279	211	706	22	35	91	86	
JAPAN		531	416	1,159	107	84	219	218	
OTHER		1,276	1,184	1,825	290	392	406	516	
MACARONI, SPAGHETTI, ETC	MT	9,390	9,399	7,135	2,262	2,670	1,746	2,083	
CANADA		3,551	3,654	2,610	734	1,009	529	634	

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COMMODITY AND COUNTRY	UNIT	OCTOBER--JANUARY		JANUARY		1977		1978 1/		1977		1978 1/	
		QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
		76/77	77/78 1/	76/77	77/78 1/	1,000	DOL.	1,000	DOL.	1,000	DOL.	1,000	DOL.
MEXICO		1,007	1,066	394	547	189	200	200	85				
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC		150	197	174	174	42	38	42	38				
ITALY		2,458	2,403	1,546	1,421	762	613	613	482				
PHILIPPINES		186	211	241	265	66	82	82	82				
PEOPLES REP OF CHINA		271	324	322	381	65	98	98	71				
HONG KONG		368	321	524	539	102	107	107	150				
REP. OF CHINA (TAIWAN)		221	156	381	258	71	72	72	109				
JAPAN		619	417	560	471	101	91	91	103				
OTHER		514	644	391	557	125	282	282	97				
OILSEEDS AND OILNUTS													
CANADA	MT	58,787	26,023	30,931	16,740	12,991	5,872	5,872	7,338				
MEXICO		41,152	13,270	13,131	4,498	8,474	3,470	3,470	2,679				
GUAT-MALA		6,307	4,971	4,539	4,075	1,308	1,388	1,388	953				
NICARAGUA		1,194	1,126	868	847	626	635	635	458				
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC		693	583	645	557	202	84	84	191				
ARGENTINA		1,109	1,917	777	1,431	275	0	0	151				
NETHERLANDS		458	506	317	360	142	0	0	98				
NETHERLANDS		847	445	1,106	527	146	171	171	218				
SPAIN		540	122	900	229	131	0	0	211				
REP. OF CHINA (TAIWAN)		618	364	666	388	132	1	1	170				
JAPAN		2,544	1,052	4,217	1,768	713	2	2	1,183				
OTHER		3,319	1,661	3,765	2,059	837	117	117	1,026				
COCONUT OIL													
PHILIPPINES	MT	188,598	119,990	73,787	56,532	39,362	29,727	29,727	17,456				
OTHER		184,049	116,975	72,100	55,068	38,863	29,727	29,727	17,230				
		4,549	3,015	1,686	1,464	499	0	0	226				
OLIVE OIL, EDIBLE													
SPAIN	MT	10,416	9,031	13,320	11,070	2,622	2,247	2,247	3,419				
PORTUGAL		3,850	4,477	4,669	5,263	575	1,237	1,237	708				
ITALY		142	76	304	159	48	19	19	104				
GREECE		4,628	3,745	6,163	5,024	1,120	938	938	1,576				
MALAYSIA		218	94	328	142	28	44	44	46				
TUNISIA		0	523	0	328	0	0	0	0				
OTHER		1,355	0	1,619	0	710	0	0	849				
		221	113	238	156	139	7	7	137				
PALM OIL													
INDIA	MT	137,088	53,827	53,411	24,941	47,282	14,252	14,252	18,931				
MALAYSIA		0	1,006	0	528	0	0	0	0				
SINGAPORE		123,910	38,332	48,230	17,910	46,772	12,229	12,229	18,706				
INDONESIA		7,131	504	2,924	205	510	0	0	225				
OTHER		5,526	13,036	2,021	5,815	0	1,003	1,003	0				
		521	949	236	484	0	1,020	1,020	0				
PALM KERNEL OIL													
NETHERLANDS	MT	24,293	16,539	12,760	9,791	9,745	3,508	3,508	4,885				
MALAYSIA		3,416	2,778	3,309	2,871	1,044	488	488	998				
INDONESIA		17,374	12,241	7,886	5,902	8,194	3,019	3,019	3,674				
		1,982	1,513	894	1,013	0	0	0	0				

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COMMODITY AND COUNTRY	UNIT	OCTOBER-JANUARY		JANUARY		1978 1/		1977		1978 1/		1977		1978 1/	
		QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
		76/77	77/78 1/	76/77	77/78 1/	1977	1,000 DOL.	1977	1,000 DOL.	1978 1/	1,000 DOL.	1977	1,000 DOL.	1978 1/	1,000 DOL.
LIBYOTA OTHER		1,013 506	0 5	458 213	0 6	0 506	0 213	0 506	0 213	0 0	0 213	0 0	0 213	0 0	0 0
SUGAR, CANE OR BEET	MT	1,309,269	2,034,131	277,491	393,915	225,315	251,040	225,315	251,040	44,741	52,064	44,741	52,064	44,741	52,064
CANADA		9,705	51,813	2,957	14,807	2,081	4,619	2,081	4,619	617	1,497	617	1,497	617	1,497
GUATEMALA		88,994	19,191	17,542	3,195	18,890	2,422	18,890	2,422	4,503	457	4,503	457	4,503	457
EL SALVADOR		17,915	37,273	3,152	7,797	12,175	16,459	12,175	16,459	2,127	3,806	2,127	3,806	2,127	3,806
COSTA RICA		23,890	0	3,893	0	16,459	0	16,459	0	2,744	0	2,744	0	2,744	0
JAMAICA		14,705	0	3,459	0	4,310	0	4,310	0	828	0	828	0	828	0
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC		339,809	169,092	64,296	35,188	47,972	20,090	47,972	20,090	8,616	4,594	8,616	4,594	8,616	4,594
PERU		51,278	75,836	13,907	13,739	5,877	0	5,877	0	985	0	985	0	985	0
BOLIVIA		4,938	22,007	988	4,560	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRAZIL		0	417,691	0	74,540	0	59,328	0	59,328	0	12,052	0	12,052	0	12,052
ARGENTINA		30,031	172,780	5,750	31,993	15,751	0	15,751	0	2,542	0	2,542	0	2,542	0
FED.REP.OF GERMANY		0	17,105	1	5,331	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PHILIPPINES		353,051	479,772	90,474	92,843	47,759	107,327	47,759	107,327	11,899	19,791	11,899	19,791	11,899	19,791
AUSTRIA		236,650	366,383	42,123	68,745	25,905	29,621	25,905	29,621	4,141	6,886	4,141	6,886	4,141	6,886
MAURITIUS		26,501	14,529	5,042	2,162	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOZAMBIQUE		17,600	23,399	3,872	5,897	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
REP SOUTH AFRICA		937	32,985	176	5,794	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWAZILAND		25,114	39,025	5,979	9,773	10,132	11,164	10,132	11,164	2,267	2,977	2,267	2,977	2,267	2,977
MALAWI		15,603	23,439	4,003	4,360	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER		52,539	71,803	5,877	13,191	17,962	6	17,962	6	3,473	3	3,473	3	3,473	3
MOLASSES, INEDIBLE	MLTR	373,384	417,811	28,010	22,060	88,714	84,462	88,714	84,462	6,692	4,375	6,692	4,375	6,692	4,375
MEXICO		28,560	83,330	2,058	4,206	2,648	6,214	2,648	6,214	155	316	155	316	155	316
GUATEMALA		9,078	29,386	653	2,171	9,078	0	9,078	0	653	0	653	0	653	0
PANAMA		3,723	15,339	341	888	0	11,284	0	11,284	0	666	0	666	0	666
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC		7,288	21,160	750	1,318	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRINIDAD-TOBAGO		8,095	157	623	16	5,622	38	5,622	38	421	4	421	4	421	4
COLOMBIA		19,504	0	1,636	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GUYANA		8,337	12,252	657	633	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ECUADOR		13,578	9,229	606	514	0	4,597	0	4,597	0	256	0	256	0	256
PERU		7,626	20,062	801	1,102	7,626	10,294	7,626	10,294	801	699	801	699	801	699
CHILE		11,368	9,674	944	944	11,368	0	11,368	0	944	0	944	0	944	0
BRAZIL		40,243	42,470	3,894	2,385	17,592	8,261	17,592	8,261	1,662	351	1,662	351	1,662	351
FRANCE		25,686	0	1,914	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AUSTRIA		93,978	69,832	6,773	3,855	26,721	21,116	26,721	21,116	1,616	676	1,616	676	1,616	676
OTHER PAC ISLS, NEC		9,998	10,467	580	488	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EGYPT		12,900	0	836	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MAURITIUS		13,132	35,719	831	1,642	0	15,225	0	15,225	0	625	0	625	0	625
REP SOUTH AFRICA		25,185	29,852	1,673	1,102	8,669	7,764	8,669	7,764	378	404	378	404	378	404
OTHER		35,105	25,882	2,440	1,246	8,059	0	8,059	0	440	0	440	0	440	0
CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS	MT	16,861	11,003	21,241	14,917	3,022	3,038	3,022	3,038	3,436	3,760	3,436	3,760	3,436	3,760
CANADA		362	253	550	324	46	66	46	66	56	79	56	79	56	79
COLOMBIA		1,106	1,067	766	774	182	291	182	291	123	219	123	219	123	219

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Table 11--U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS: QUANTITY AND VALUE BY COMMODITY AND COUNTRY--CONTINUED

COMMODITY AND COUNTRY	UNIT	OCTOBER--JANUARY		JANUARY		1978 1/		1977		1978 1/		1977		1978 1/	
		QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	1,000 DOL.	1,000 DOL.	QUANTITY	VALUE	1,000 DOL.	1,000 DOL.	QUANTITY	VALUE	1,000 DOL.	1,000 DOL.
BRAZIL		35	419	24	321			1	28			1	1		22
SPAIN		4,750	5,423	1,873	2,236			1,479	2,221			606	841		841
PORTUGAL		6,557	566	3,194	406			1,105	28			504	24		24
ITALY		5,748	7,232	2,539	2,910			1,838	2,883			814	1,190		1,190
ISRAEL		3,445	2,467	1,014	929			1,369	733			417	265		265
REP. OF CHINA (TAIWAN)		1,927	284	806	154			1,523	14			646	4		4
OTHER		583	316	285	176			48	0			29	0		0
CUT FLOWERS	---	0	0	10,324	14,886			0	0			2,799	3,500		3,500
CANADA		0	0	406	414			0	0			36	28		28
COLOMBIA		0	0	9,184	13,279			0	0			2,573	3,191		3,191
NETHERLANDS		0	0	318	580			0	0			89	118		118
OTHER		0	0	416	614			0	0			101	162		162
MALT LIQUORS	MLTR	93,023	89,029	48,352	47,021			21,850	25,610			11,513	14,163		14,163
CANADA		21,013	28,197	8,710	10,525			5,072	6,808			2,037	2,560		2,560
MEXICO		6,692	7,738	2,962	3,915			644	1,863			302	930		930
NETHERLANDS		45,395	34,400	26,152	22,024			11,836	10,979			6,556	7,277		7,277
FED. REP. OF GERMANY		10,884	9,050	6,338	5,908			2,169	2,939			1,254	1,966		1,966
OTHER		9,039	9,644	4,190	4,645			2,129	3,021			963	1,429		1,429
TOBACCO, UNMANUFACTURED	MT	41,503	44,321	93,206	108,558			12,056	11,755			27,476	30,515		30,515
MEXICO		1,789	1,789	2,911	3,816			176	155			292	430		430
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC		1,703	1,140	2,911	2,042			464	284			592	730		730
BRAZIL		2,308	4,145	3,596	7,738			888	749			1,268	1,302		1,302
ITALY		3,541	4,029	4,335	5,347			881	888			1,133	1,193		1,193
YUGOSLAVIA		2,226	2,099	7,005	7,025			621	660			2,220	2,220		2,220
GREECE		3,781	2,823	13,642	9,403			653	820			2,385	3,000		3,000
BULGARIA		1,353	2,623	4,022	8,223			363	694			1,145	2,243		2,243
TURKEY		13,636	12,737	34,032	39,068			4,065	4,042			11,264	12,261		12,261
SYRIA		401	901	1,307	2,408			196	466			527	1,293		1,293
LEBANON		1,265	1,063	3,599	2,181			258	185			728	504		504
PHILIPPINES		2,539	1,899	2,226	2,113			1,112	519			1,038	893		893
KOREA, REPUBLIC OF		2,339	1,924	4,522	4,817			765	382			1,704	1,006		1,006
OTHER		5,935	7,143	11,074	14,418			1,603	1,911			3,188	3,578		3,578
TOBACCO LEAF, ORIENTAL	MT	25,147	23,647	67,400	71,765			7,021	7,344			19,359	22,542		22,542
ITALY		2,854	1,658	3,601	2,338			880	421			1,132	599		599
YUGOSLAVIA		2,224	2,090	7,002	7,013			619	660			2,067	2,220		2,220
GREECE		3,735	2,566	13,567	9,009			653	819			2,389	2,999		2,999
BULGARIA		1,353	2,623	4,022	8,223			363	694			1,145	2,243		2,243
TURKEY		13,010	12,299	33,662	38,862			3,972	3,865			11,207	12,182		12,182
SYRIA		401	841	1,307	2,380			196	466			527	1,293		1,293
LEBANON		1,265	713	3,599	1,961			258	184			728	504		504
OTHER		301	854	640	1,980			76	230			164	503		503
WINES	MLTR	83,581	78,519	121,889	121,591			20,703	22,240			28,754	32,673		32,673
FRANCE		16,239	13,661	42,629	39,202			3,934	3,879			10,203	11,090		11,090
FED. REP. OF GERMANY		14,166	11,116	21,517	21,636			3,749	3,076			5,498	6,291		6,291
SPAIN		9,206	7,442	11,398	10,737			1,960	2,046			2,155	2,163		2,163
PORTUGAL		8,135	6,946	9,742	8,314			1,862	2,123			2,097	2,262		2,262
ITALY		31,823	34,926	31,151	35,690			8,149	9,685			7,565	8,948		8,948
OTHER		4,012	4,428	5,451	6,013			1,052	1,143			1,237	1,930		1,930

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Table 12--U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS: QUANTITY AND VALUE BY COMMODITY

COMMODITY	UNIT	OCTOBER-DECEMBER		1976		1977 1/		1977 1/	
		QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
		75/76	76/77 1/	75/76	76/77 1/	1976	1977 1/	1976	1977 1/
		THOU.	THOU.	THOU.	DOL.	THOU.	THOU.	DOL.	DOL.
ALL COMMODITIES		---	---	---	32,635,500	37,653,506	---	---	11,542,800
NONAGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES		---	---	---	29,757,266	34,109,261	---	---	10,447,229
AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES		---	---	---	2,878,234	2,954,239	---	---	1,095,571
COMPLEMENTARY		---	---	---	1,353,911	1,323,178	---	---	553,353
BANANAS, FRESH	KG	522,978	546,489	---	77,904	74,612	---	---	25,471
PLANTAINS, FRESH	KG	17,096	16,112	---	2,046	3,003	---	---	757
BANANAS, PLANTAINS, DRIED OR PREPARED	KG	3,987	7,711	---	1,116	2,255	---	---	346
COFFEE, GREEN	KG	271,189	177,257	---	803,457	680,239	---	---	343,621
COFFEE, SOLUBLE, EXTRACTS	KG	7,166	1,580	---	49,709	21,510	---	---	19,041
COFFEE, ROASTED OR GROUND	KG	4,820	4,441	---	13,782	17,479	---	---	587
COCCA BEANS	KG	36,842	18,607	---	69,633	80,519	---	---	1,684
COCCA BUTTER	KG	4,581	3,590	---	20,618	17,641	---	---	5,608
COCCA, POWDER & CAKE	KG	19,442	13,801	---	25,203	6,359	---	---	1,161
CHOCOLATE PREPARATIONS	KG	13,199	18,458	---	26,044	73,610	---	---	10,894
DRUGS, HERBS, ROOTS, LEAVES, ETC	KG	14,200	15,233	---	33,405	4,133	---	---	31,652
ESSENTIAL OILS	KG	1,900	1,452	---	18,868	16,643	---	---	10,894
FIBERS, EX COTTON, JUTE	MT	13	15	---	8,296	6,591	---	---	8,859
RUBBER, AND ALLIED GUMS:									
RUBBER, DRY FORM	KG	159,827	177,017	---	123,553	142,325	---	---	49,481
RUBBER, LATEX	KG	14,025	18,655	---	12,044	15,949	---	---	7,257
ALLIED GUMS	KG	506	497	---	1,024	1,277	---	---	316
SILK, RAW	KG	86	55	---	1,413	1,081	---	---	38
SPICES	KG	18,183	13,820	---	29,985	28,744	---	---	4,936
PEPPER, BLACK, UNGROUND	KG	7,096	4,502	---	11,673	9,332	---	---	10,335
VANILLA BEANS	KG	387	272	---	6,300	5,578	---	---	13,364
OTHER	KG	10,699	9,045	---	12,913	13,833	---	---	5,273
TEA, CRUDE OR PREPARED	KG	22,720	12,628	---	28,672	25,855	---	---	1,517
WOOL, UNMANUFACTURED, FREE	KG	2,006	520	---	4,815	1,258	---	---	3,181
OTHER	---	---	---	---	2,730	3,367	---	---	4,955
SUPPLEMENTARY		---	---	---	1,525,223	1,631,060	---	---	132
ANIMAL AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS		---	---	---	572,430	581,134	---	---	948
ANIMALS, LIVE	---	---	---	---	86,519	101,198	---	---	542,218
CATTLE, DUTIABLE	NO	430	488	---	67,381	85,073	---	---	197,927
CATTLE FOR BREEDING, FREE	NO	3	1	---	2,547	1,263	---	---	41,855
HORSES	NO	3	3	---	15,240	12,929	---	---	35,505
SWINE	NO	p	10	---	1,004	1,296	---	---	545
OTHER	---	---	---	---	347	637	---	---	5,973
DAIRY PRODUCTS		---	---	---	94,719	90,181	---	---	1
CHEESE	KG	37,526	34,628	---	77,264	71,802	---	---	333
BLUE MOLD, INCLUDING ROGUEFORT	KG	1,022	641	---	3,198	2,234	---	---	169
CHEDDAR	KG	2,993	1,899	---	4,581	3,309	---	---	43,855
EDAM AND GOUDA	KG	1,550	1,665	---	4,393	4,555	---	---	35,948
EMMENTHALER OR SWISS, INC GRUYERE	KG	9,969	9,386	---	23,117	22,184	---	---	1,402

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Table 12--U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS: QUANTITY AND VALUE BY COMMODITY--CONTINUED

COMMODITY	UNIT	OCTOBER-DECEMBER			DECEMBER		
		QUANTITY	VALUE	1976	QUANTITY	VALUE	1977 1/
		75/76	76/77 1/	75/76	76/77 1/	75/76	76/77 1/
		THOU.	THOU.	THOU.	THOU.	THOU.	THOU.
		1,000 DOL.	1,000 DOL.	1,000 DOL.	1,000 DOL.	1,000 DOL.	1,000 DOL.
ROMANO,REGGIANO,PARMESANO	KG	1,254	1,700	3,232	4,901	910	716
PECORINO AND SHEEPSMILK	KG	2,366	1,518	7,725	5,297	820	3,032
OTHER	KG	18,363	17,819	31,109	29,321	10,717	16,762
CASEIN AND MIXTURES	KG	15,076	14,516	15,408	15,988	6,639	6,835
NONFAT DRY MILK	KG	426	99	251	51	173	94
OTHER	---	---	---	1,795	2,340	---	977
HIDES AND SKINS, INCLUDING FURSKINS	---	---	---	32,709	39,563	---	15,594
CALF AND KIP SKINS	KG	69	107	132	227	66	129
CATTLE HIDES, WHOLE	KG	5,835	6,531	4,318	4,891	1,572	987
GOAT AND KID SKINS	KG	156	132	585	347	63	286
SHEEP AND LAMB SKINS	KG	2,203	2,464	7,557	9,366	549	1,767
FURSKINS	---	---	---	18,869	23,102	---	12,051
OTHER	---	---	---	1,249	1,630	---	375
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	KG	181,113	188,478	304,579	299,831	42,727	154,669
MEATS-P.L.88-482	KG	118,804	140,210	148,146	173,872	22,710	78,852
BEEF AND VEAL	KG	141,257	154,774	185,288	198,649	29,753	28,006
CANNED	KG	13,624	9,831	23,111	16,154	4,552	90,313
FRESH OR FROZEN	KG	121,544	141,300	151,111	175,102	23,409	39,702
PREPARED OR PRESERVED	KG	6,088	3,643	11,066	7,393	1,793	7,598
MUTTON, GOAT, AND LAMB	KG	2,180	1,705	3,147	2,847	570	6,207
PORK	KG	34,582	29,019	109,077	91,796	11,590	28,783
FRESH OR FROZEN	KG	2,343	3,137	3,824	4,572	707	3,322
HAMS AND SHOULDERS,CND,COOKED	KG	29,059	24,087	97,884	82,824	9,362	49,657
OTHER	KG	3,182	1,795	7,369	6,400	1,522	1,322
OTHER, INC EDIBLE OFFALS, GAME	KG	3,099	2,981	7,066	6,540	814	3,582
POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	---	---	---	14,912	13,520	---	1,898
POULTRY MEAT	---	---	---	14,912	13,520	---	2,513
OTHER	---	---	---	613	791	---	4,937
OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCTS	---	---	---	39,092	36,842	---	6,347
BEE SWAX	KG	290	371	766	1,286	---	148
BONES, HOOF, AND HORNS	---	---	---	687	850	---	294
BRISTLES, CRUDE OR PREPARED	KG	461	69	3,271	500	---	363
FATS, OILS, AND GREASES	KG	2,393	1,788	967	1,023	96	302
SEALIN	---	---	---	7,064	8,729	764	601
HAIR, UNMANUFACTURED	KG	382	522	972	1,432	488	336
OSSEIN	KG	1,121	1,503	1,511	1,922	---	213
SAUSAGE CASINGS	---	---	---	8,163	7,874	---	3,876
JOOL,UNMANUFACTURED,EX FREE	---	---	---	13,326	10,623	---	2,262
OTHER	---	---	---	2,366	2,604	---	399
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS	---	---	---	952,693	1,049,926	---	495
COTTON, UNMANUFACTURED	PBA	38	12	9,697	1,551	---	2,971
COTTON, RAW	RBA	26	1	9,059	605	---	3,246
LINTERS	RBA	11	11	638	946	---	5,352
						---	1,046
						---	444,256
						---	252
						---	0
						---	252
						---	192

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Table 12--U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS: QUANTITY AND VALUE BY COMMODITY--CONTINUED

COMMODITY	UNIT	OCTOBER-DECEMBER			DECEMBER		
		QUANTITY	VALUE	THOU.	QUANTITY	VALUE	THOU.
		75/76	76/77 1/	1,000 DOL.	75/76	76/77 1/	1,000 DOL.
		THOU.	THOU.		THOU.	THOU.	
WHEAT FLOUR	KG	264	11	73	182	5	19
WHEAT GLUTEN	KG	6,638	5,711	6,448	2,461	2,840	2,716
BISCUITS, CAKES, WAFERS ETC	KG	10,111	8,875	16,372	3,074	3,288	4,827
BREAD CRUMBS	KG	3,436	3,785	2,043	1,955	888	5,644
BREAD, YEAST-LEAVENED	KG	517	610	452	213	223	165
MACARONI, SPAGHETTI, ETC	KG	7,124	6,729	5,389	2,324	2,852	2,149
OTHER	---	---	---	2,163	---	---	540
OILSEEDS AND PRODUCTS	KG	326,242	187,821	147,150	115,516	67,397	37,153
OIL CAKE AND MEAL	KG	3,247	1,731	349	978	987	126
WILSEEDS AND GILNUTS	KG	45,811	20,231	23,504	14,332	6,916	7,642
FLAXSEED	KG	22,073	256	6,560	6,826	195	2,036
MUSTARD SEED	KG	9,439	6,078	3,545	2,940	2,079	1,092
POPPY SEED	KG	816	344	1,124	167	271	226
SESAME SEED	KG	5,743	4,646	4,206	2,101	1,430	1,563
SUNFLOWER SEED	KG	62	1,664	352	129	265	196
OTHER	---	---	---	7,817	2,168	2,697	2,529
VEGETABLE OILS AND WAXES	KG	277,184	165,860	123,197	100,206	59,493	32,028
CARNAUBA WAX	KG	710	465	1,400	829	171	310
CASTOR OIL	KG	8,933	11,614	7,443	2,679	794	2,966
COCONUT OIL	KG	149,236	90,264	56,331	65,363	42,847	26,599
OLIVE OIL, EDIBLE	KG	7,794	9,901	9,901	2,988	3,315	3,904
PALM OIL	KG	89,807	39,575	34,480	22,856	8,142	9,399
PALM KERNEL OIL	KG	14,548	13,631	7,875	3,805	2,981	2,046
RAPESEED OIL	KG	855	831	466	88	117	54
SESAME OIL	KG	351	249	712	106	117	254
TUNG OIL	KG	2,592	1,101	2,167	1,403	397	972
OTHER	---	2,360	1,947	2,423	662	642	741
SUGAR AND RELATED PRODUCTS	---	---	---	280,764	---	---	98,159
SUGAR, CANE OR BEET	MT	1,084	1,783	381,713	---	---	196,647
MOLASSES, INEDIBLE	LIT	284,672	333,352	232,749	368	936	85,266
MAPLE SUGAR AND SIRUP	KG	1,206	1,128	21,317	60,138	86,401	4,474
CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS	KG	13,840	7,965	1,863	378	425	4,362
HONEY	KG	2,832	6,570	17,805	4,417	2,877	4,234
OTHER	---	---	---	2,117	1,494	1,946	1,495
VEGETABLES AND PREPARATIONS	---	---	---	4,913	---	---	1,113
FRESH OR FROZEN:	---	---	---	96,448	---	---	1,284
ASPARAGUS, EX FROZEN	KG	535	426	189	25	31	39,424
BEANS	KG	947	1,439	242	914	1,251	7
BROCCOLI, CAULIFLOWER, OKRA, SLC, FRZ	KG	4,657	4,467	2,159	1,584	1,513	1,223
CABBAGE	KG	84	421	13	55	140	727
CARROTS	KG	14,841	14,656	2,214	5,303	4,218	14
CUCUMBERS	KG	12,396	20,969	1,670	11,052	18,472	760
DASHEFNS	KG	3,427	3,237	1,334	1,245	824	540
EGGPLANT	KG	1,822	1,947	215	1,427	1,827	3,754
ENDIVE	KG	167	137	310	63	53	310
GARLIC	KG	141	187	134	244	121	160
LETTUCE	KG	275	177	119	6	27	405
OKRA	KG	242	908	84	41	37	113
ONIONS	KG	3,761	5,243	775	183	37	32
PEAS	KG	788	945	662	577	435	5
PEPPERS	KG	3,695	4,917	1,166	2,637	3,823	21
POTATOES, WHITE OR IRISH	KG	12,238	13,970	1,89	7,804	3,823	59
SQUASH	KG	3,936	4,831	1,666	2,637	3,823	619
TOMATOES	KG	28,581	30,475	10,985	10,788	4,258	877
TURNIIPS OR RUTABAGAS	KG	15,904	13,739	1,980	5,127	4,169	473
OTHER	---	---	---	1,974	2,616	782	2,027
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Table 12--U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS: QUANTITY AND VALUE BY COMMODITY--CONTINUED

COMMODITY	UNIT	OCTOBER-DECEMBER		VALUE		QUANTITY		DECEMBER	
		QUANTITY		75/76		1976		1977 1/	
		THOU.	THOU.	1,000 DOL.	1,000 DOL.	THOU.	THOU.	THOU.	1,000 DOL.
DRYED:									
BEANS, INCLUDING MUNG	KG	1,399	2,130	785	1,226	677	866	355	500
CHICKPEAS	KG	1,483	3,452	783	2,946	956	1,096	463	767
MUSHROOMS	KG	107	95	1,556	1,371	42	26	549	396
PEAS, EXCEPT CHICKPEAS	KG	793	2,409	353	753	293	708	104	241
OTHER	---	---	---	2,270	3,289	---	---	753	1,320
PREPARED OR PRESERVED:									
ARTICHOKE	KG	1,553	991	1,411	1,418	532	384	503	520
ASPARAGUS	KG	723	839	932	1,220	166	223	241	315
BEAN CAKE, CURD	KG	310	274	418	377	113	111	161	153
CASSAVA, FLOUR, STARCH, TAPIOCA	KG	9,586	7,239	1,983	1,314	2,472	3,479	483	620
HOPS, INCLUDING EXTRACTS	KG	1,357	196	4,100	478	1,263	46	3,880	123
MUSHROOMS	KG	3,307	8,585	7,455	20,246	1,525	3,384	3,436	7,682
OLIVES, IN BRINE	LIT	14,986	12,476	18,515	14,605	4,976	6,504	6,178	7,759
ONIONS	KG	845	725	965	851	270	325	320	342
PALM HEARTS	KG	165	104	232	161	41	41	55	64
PEAS, INCLUDING COMPEAS	KG	1,666	412	979	371	947	89	527	76
PIMENTOS	KG	1,071	307	1,378	405	614	115	740	156
SOUPS AND SAUCES	KG	4,252	4,096	5,584	5,758	1,582	1,591	2,146	2,271
STARCH, POTATO	KG	2,325	1,240	513	275	665	528	144	119
TOMATOES	KG	18,795	12,884	8,105	6,013	8,041	6,625	3,379	2,856
WATERCHESTNUTS	KG	370	1,453	388	1,057	117	496	121	350
OTHER	---	---	---	11,327	16,861	---	---	3,865	7,811
OTHER VEGETABLE PRODUCTS	---	---	---	265,978	267,429	---	---	98,704	97,075
BROOMCORN	MT	3	3	3,565	3,414	1	1	1,050	1,074
CUT FLOWERS	---	---	---	7,524	11,387	---	---	2,794	4,371
ESSENTIAL OILS	---	---	---	994	661	61	115	352	260
FEEDS & FODDERS, EX OIL CAKE & MEAL	---	---	---	17,850	15,890	---	---	5,964	5,915
FLAVORING EXTRACTS	---	---	---	3,073	3,465	---	---	1,176	1,385
JUTE AND JUTE BUTTS, UNMANUFACTURED	MT	6	2	1,105	578	2	1	310	322
MALT LIQUORS	LIT	71,173	63,420	36,839	32,858	22,957	27,231	12,034	15,014
NURSERY & GREENHOUSE STOCK	---	---	---	12,320	13,791	---	---	2,252	2,041
SEEDS, EXCEPT OILSEEDS	KG	11,530	11,562	10,433	11,269	5,428	5,647	3,956	4,711
SPICES	KG	2,973	1,662	3,958	2,389	1,842	1,212	2,470	1,723
TOBACCO, UNMANUFACTURED	KG	31,644	33,107	73,183	80,765	12,462	11,156	30,838	26,808
TOBACCO LEAF, ORIENTAL	KG	18,126	16,303	48,042	49,223	7,908	4,669	22,172	14,414
WINES	LIT	62,878	56,280	93,135	88,918	23,727	21,952	34,886	32,871
WINES, STILL GRAPE, UNDER 14% ALCH	LIT	46,984	44,764	66,107	64,658	17,913	17,354	25,240	24,275
OTHER	---	---	---	1,999	2,134	---	---	624	581

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AGRICULTURAL TRADE WITH IRELAND

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Because Ireland's domestic market is small, the country looks to the export market to achieve greater economies of scale. In 1977, exports played a massive role in the Irish economy, accounting for 47 percent of its gross national product. Ireland's total exports, valued at \$4.38 billion in 1977, were up from \$3.25 billion in 1976. Volume is estimated to have risen by 15 percent with the remainder of the increase due to higher prices. In 1977, the value of total imports rose to \$5.42 billion from \$4.09 billion in 1976.

Ireland's agricultural exports, valued at \$1.8 billion, accounted for 41 percent of total exports in 1977, compared with a value of \$1.3 billion, and 40 percent of total exports in 1976. In 1977, the remaining countries in the European Community (EC) took 76 percent of total Irish exports, of which about half went to the United Kingdom. The United States was the most important non-EC export market for Irish goods, accounting for more than 6 percent of total Irish exports. Major agricultural exports to the United States were beef, animal feeds, dairy products, and fruits and vegetables.

In 1977, the share of agricultural imports was 14 percent of the total, amounting to \$752.5 million, compared with 13 percent and \$532.4 million a year earlier. The EC supplied 68.1 percent of total Irish imports. The United States was again the most important non-EC supplier, with 9.1 percent of total imports. Principal agricultural imports are fruits and vegetables, live animals (mostly for breeding), grains, unmanufactured tobacco, and soybean cake and meal (mostly soybean meal).

Major Agricultural Commodities in U.S.-Irish Trade

The U.S.-Irish agricultural trade balance has traditionally favored Ireland, but this situation was reversed for 4 years during the 1970-77 period. U.S. statistics show that U.S. farm exports to Ireland exceeded Ireland's shipments to the United States by \$9.5 million in 1972, \$3.4 million in 1975, \$17.3 million in 1976, and \$11.7 million in 1977.

Based on U.S. statistics, the value of U.S. farm exports to Ireland averaged \$30.1 million during 1974-77, but Irish statistics show that the value imports of U.S. farm products by Ireland during that period averaged \$72.0 million. The higher value shown by Irish statistics undoubtedly reflects transshipments of U.S. agricultural products into Ireland through Canada, the United Kingdom, and other Western European countries.

The recent shift in the U.S.-Irish balance of agricultural trade is partly a result of the virtual cessation of Irish beef exports to the United States since spring 1976, and partly because of the fact that Ireland is finding more attractive markets within the EC. Ireland, along with the United Kingdom and Denmark, joined the EC on January 1, 1973. The U.S. share of Ireland's total agricultural exports dropped from an average of 6.9 percent in 1971/72 (prior to admission into the EC) to an average of 1.5 percent in 1976/77.

Although the trade flow between the United States and Ireland for some agricultural commodities is one way, numerous commodities (within a general trade classification) flow in both directions.

Tobacco

In 1977, the United States exported \$7.5 million worth of unmanufactured tobacco to Ireland, a decline from the \$10 million in 1976. Some U.S. tobacco exports are usually transshipped to Ireland through other EC members and Canada and are not reflected in these statistics. The United States provides a substantial share of Ireland's tobacco imports--45 percent of the total value in 1976. In turn, the United States imported roughly \$500,000 worth of pipe tobacco from Ireland that same year.

Oilseeds and Oilseed Products

The United States exported \$10.5 million in oilseeds and oilseed products in 1977, well above the \$8.1 million exported in 1976 and the highest since \$15 million were exported to Ireland in 1973. However, according to Irish statistics, shipments of oilseed cake and meal, valued at more than \$27 million in 1977, were imported by Ireland from the United States, compared with approximately \$24 million in 1976 and \$20 million in 1975. Irish officials attribute these higher values to transshipments through other EC countries, particularly the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

Ireland's only crushing mill processes many oil crops, including copra and rapeseed, but not soybeans. Thus, most of their purchases from the United States have been soybean cake and meal. Most Irish imports of soybean cake and meal are likely to continue to be of U.S. origin. Currently, Ireland imports more than half of its total oilseed products from the United States.

Grains and Grain Preparations

Traditionally, the United States has been an important supplier of grain to Ireland. But after 1972, U.S. exports of grain dropped because France increased its share to Ireland. However, in 1976 the value of U.S. grain and grain preparation exports to Ireland recovered substantially--to \$3.2 million--because of the widespread drought on the Continent and increased feed usage in Ireland. With the return of total EC grain production in 1977/78 to more normal levels, shipments of U.S. grain to Ireland declined 100 percent in 1977.

Fruits, Vegetables, and Preparations

In 1977, total U.S. exports of fruits, vegetables, and combined preparations to Ireland were valued at \$2.4 million. Ireland's imports of fruits and vegetables have increased in recent years in response to increasing domestic demand. Ireland is capable of expanding both their domestic and export markets.

Livestock and Livestock Products

In 1974, when the United States imported a record 21,000 metric tons of frozen boneless beef from Ireland, the total value of U.S. agricultural imports from Ireland was \$60.5 million--more than double the value of U.S. shipments of agricultural items to Ireland, which was \$29.6 million. However, in reaction to the EC export subsidy on frozen boneless beef from Ireland, the United States imposed a 21.3-cent countervailing duty on imports of frozen boneless beef from the EC in April 1976. Frozen boneless imports have been virtually nil since then. In 1977, only 113 metric tons of meat and meat products were imported from Ireland.

Another important feature of Irish-U.S. livestock trade since 1970 has been the sale of Irish carcass beef for the U.S. military forces in Europe; in 1977, Ireland supplied 11,221 metric tons.

Live animals, primarily breeding horses and cattle, are an important U.S. farm product export to Ireland. For instance, in 1976 and 1977 live animal exports accounted for as much as 15 percent or more of the total value of U.S. agricultural shipments. However, in 1977, the United States imported \$7.2 million in live animals from Ireland also for breeding purposes.

Dairy Products

Ireland's emphasis on diversification from some of the traditional dairy products to more specialized products, for example casein and casein products (a protein taken from milk which forms the basis of cheese and certain plastics), provides the major portion of imports of dairy products by the United States. During 1977, the United States imported \$2.7 million in dairy products (mainly casein, casein products, and various types of cheeses), compared to \$1.9 million in 1976. U.S. exports of dairy products to Ireland are negligible.

Miscellaneous

In 1976 and 1977, U.S. imports of chocolate and chocolate preparations increased and were valued at over \$3 million.

The United States shifted as the principal supplier of hops in 1977, primarily because of increasing freight cost and import levies. In 1977, U.S. exports of hops to Ireland amounted to only \$672,000, compared to exports valued at \$1.4 million in 1976.

Quantities of U.S. cotton exports to Ireland have fluctuated during the past few years, while domestic use has been sporadic. Quantities were down in 1976, but the value rose to \$1.1 million. In 1977, quantity and value were both reduced by 50 and 60 percent respectively.

Outlook for Irish Trade and Implications for the United States

Live cattle and beef exports will provide the main sources for growth in Irish agricultural trade during 1978. Exports of lamb and live sheep will gain momentum as sheep flocks are rebuilt in response to the January 1, 1978 agreement between France and Ireland. Irish lamb of suitable quality will have unrestricted access to the French market. In 1977, Irish lamb exports to France were disrupted by massive import charges and the intermittent closures of French markets to all lamb imports. Further, a projected 10-to-15 percent growth in feed consumption is expected to increase grain imports.

Expansion of U.S. agricultural exports to the Irish market is difficult for two main reasons: (1) Different sanitary and veterinary regulations, and (2) Ireland's increasing trade links with the EC.

The United States will most likely continue as the major supplier of soybean meal and corn, mainly because of increased feed use. A scarcity of apples is apparent in Ireland. With smaller French crops in 1977 and possibly into 1978, apples may be exported to the Irish for the first time in a number of years. In the near future, Irish exports of livestock products to the United States are likely to continue relatively stable. Exports of beef will probably be negligible again in 1978.

Table 13--Principal U.S. farm exports to Ireland, calendar years, 1970-77^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Quantity (Thousands of units)									
Tobacco, unmanufactured. . . .	Lb.	10,195	8,966	14,300	8,948	10,172	8,208	7,710	5,366
Oilseeds and products.	S. ton	68	41	76	82	45	53	53	51
Animals, live, excl. poultry . .	No.	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/
Grains and preparations.	Bu.	1,389	1,820	5,919	939	0	5	1,087	0
Wheat.	Bu.	0	1,295	375	0	0	0	504	0
Corn	Bu.	1 389	525	5,406	134	0	0	583	0
Fruits and preparations.	Lb.	3,291	2,164	2,076	800	1,014	3,718	1,627	2,949
Vegetables and preparations. . .	Lb.	9,020	2,157	3,003	5,552	6,168	3,116	4,132	3,815
Oils, fats, tallow, n.e.c.--animal	Lb.	6,935	2,744	2,871	2,801	0	0	0	0
Cotton, raw excl. linters. . . .	Rbl.	4	4	6	1	2	4	3	2
Value (Thousand dollars)									
Tobacco, unmanufactured. . . .		11,262	9,272	15,155	10,373	12,843	11,144	10,006	7,461
Oilseeds and products.		6,613	3,505	7,884	15,385	8,329	8,091	8,074	10,468
Animals, live, excl. poultry . .		1,333	952	3,313	6,072	2,234	1,244	5,146	7,704
Grains and preparations		1,943	2,903	8,769	1,564	0	47	3,210	0
Wheat.		0	2,228	600	0	0	0	1,646	0
Corn		1,942	675	7,974	224	0	47	1,564	0
Fruits and preparations.		587	318	677	532	293	811	431	642
Vegetables and preparations. . .		746	298	340	648	1,698	1,418	2,559	1,723
Oils, fats, tallow, n.e.c.--animal		590	246	210	305	0	0	0	0
Cotton, raw excl. linters. . . .		528	639	912	141	585	964	1,085	438
Other agricultural products. . .		1,382	3,948	2,736	3,606	3,648	2,920	3,508	3,984
Total.		24,984	22,081	39,996	38,626	29,630	26,629	33,919	32,420

^{1/} Less than 500.^{2/} 1977 data preliminary

Source: U.S. Foreign Agricultural Trade Statistical Reports.

Table 14-Principal U.S. farm imports from Ireland, calendar years, 1970-77^{2/}

Commodity	Unit	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
		Quantity (Thousands of units)							
Meat and meat products	Lb.	68,963	63,994	31,221	22,145	44,411	6,949	5,197	249
Beef and veal	Lb.	68,963	63,902	30,980	21,956	44,014	6,803	4,446	0
Other meats	Lb.	0	92	241	189	397	146	751	249
Dairy products	Lb.	2,359	1,869	1,444	38,787	22,578	724	355	215
Fruits, vegetables & prep.	Lb.	0	671	818	1,443	1,523	1,031	377	309
Chocolate and prep.	Lb.	20,923	11,473	11,556	5,413	1,534	3,546	9,417	6,628
Animal feeds	Cwt.	245	116	106	120	56	116	66	124
Tobacco, mfg. or unmfg.	Lb.	79	143	330	187	493	406	203	66
Oilseeds and products	Lb.	0	0	0	1,086	368	241	0	0
Casein and casein glue	Lb.	32	905	4,439	13,600	1/	1/	1/	1/
		Value (Thousand dollars)							
Meat and meat products		34,596	34,854	17,461	18,815	32,920	3,466	3,072	83
Beef and veal		34,596	34,780	17,350	18,540	32,444	3,315	2,306	0
Other meats		0	74	111	275	476	151	766	83
Dairy products		802	673	643	16,057	13,533	5,073	1,858	2,727
Fruits, Vegetables & prep.		0	295	381	639	724	558	264	243
Chocolate & prep.		3,885	2,172	2,634	1,374	649	1,601	3,734	3,122
Animal feeds		2,899	1,708	2,515	3,382	2,493	4,357	1,755	2,833
Tobacco, mfg. or unmfg.		115	198	535	314	906	805	427	151
Oilseeds and products		0	0	0	597	185	334	371	0
Casein and casein glue		9	303	2,481	5,927	1/	1/	1/	1/
Other agricultural products		9,515	4,784	3,803	4,340	9,090	7,085	5,175	11,571
Total		51,821	44,987	30,453	51,495	60,500	23,279	16,656	20,730

1/ Included with dairy products.

2/ Preliminary

Source: U.S. Foreign Agricultural Trade Statistical Reports.

Table 15--Ireland: Agricultural and total exports by area of destination, 1974-76

Commodity	Year	Total	United States			EC Countries		Rest of the world	
		Million \$	Million \$	% of total	Million \$	% of total	Million \$	% of total	
Live cattle	1974	150.6	1.2	0.8	141.6	94.0	7.8	5.2	
	1975	245.3	1.1	0.4	238.1	97.1	6.1	2.5	
	1976	138.1	---	---	117.5	85.1	20.6	14.9	
Beef, fresh, chilled, frozen	1974	319.3	35.5	11.1	255.1	79.9	28.7	9.0	
	1975	443.9	11.4	2.6	400.5	90.2	32.0	7.2	
	1976	308.3	1.2	0.4	279.0	90.5	28.1	9.1	
Other meat and poultry	1974	100.9	0.5	0.5	95.7	94.8	4.7	4.7	
	1975	84.8	0.3	0.4	78.2	92.2	6.3	7.4	
	1976	114.4	0.8	0.7	94.7	82.8	18.9	16.5	
Dairy products	1974	200.7	13.1	6.5	126.2	62.9	61.4	30.6	
	1975	336.7	0.7	0.3	308.9	91.7	27.1	8.0	
	1976	352.1	0.3	---	310.1	88.2	41.7	11.8	
Fruit and vegetables	1974	27.6	0.9	3.3	22.2	80.4	4.5	16.3	
	1975	35.4	0.6	1.7	28.2	79.7	6.6	18.6	
	1976	34.5	0.4	1.2	25.8	74.7	8.3	24.1	
Sugar and sugar preparations	1974	11.3	1.0	8.9	9.5	84.1	0.8	7.0	
	1975	39.7	0.6	1.5	29.8	75.1	9.3	23.4	
	1976	50.0	2.4	4.8	20.7	41.4	26.9	53.8	
Chocolate and products	1974	45.7	0.7	1.5	42.4	92.8	2.6	5.7	
	1975	49.5	2.4	4.8	44.7	90.4	2.4	4.8	
	1976	48.7	3.4	7.0	44.0	90.3	1.3	2.7	
Miscellaneous food preparations	1974	27.8	3.1	11.2	16.6	59.7	8.1	29.1	
	1975	60.6	3.8	6.3	28.3	46.7	28.5	47.0	
	1976	89.2	2.1	2.4	39.8	44.6	47.3	53.0	
Other	1974	143.2	3.7	2.6	119.5	83.4	20.0	14.0	
	1975	162.2	4.1	2.5	137.5	84.8	20.6	12.7	
	1976	209.1	7.7	3.7	178.7	85.4	22.7	10.9	
Total agricultural exports	1974	1,027.1	59.7	5.8	828.8	80.7	138.6	13.5	
	1975	1,458.1	25.0	1.7	1,294.2	88.8	138.9	9.5	
	1976	1,344.4	18.3	1.4	1,110.3	82.6	215.8	16.0	
Total exports	1974	2,629.5	240.5	9.2	1,966.7	74.7	422.3	16.1	
	1975	3,178.5	200.0	6.4	2,523.6	79.3	454.9	14.3	
	1976	3,251.3	241.7	7.4	2,465.4	75.9	544.2	16.7	

--- None or negligible.

Source: Compiled from UN trade runs, 1974-75 and Trade Statistics of Ireland, 1976.

Table 16---Ireland: Agricultural and total imports by area of origin, 1974-76

Commodity	Year	Total		United States		EC Countries		Rest of the world	
		Million \$	% of total	Million \$	% of total	Million \$	% of total	Million \$	% of total
Live cattle	1974	35.5	0.8	2.2	97.0	34.4	97.0	0.3	0.8
	1975	31.2	1.3	4.2	95.2	29.7	95.2	0.2	0.6
	1976	31.0	0.6	1.9	97.7	30.3	97.7	0.1	0.4
Wheat	1974	38.0	0.8	2.1	78.2	29.7	78.2	7.5	19.7
	1975	43.8	8.2	18.7	66.4	29.1	66.4	6.5	14.9
	1976	28.4	6.0	21.1	64.4	18.3	64.4	4.1	14.5
Feedgrains	1974	60.4	8.7	14.4	78.5	47.4	78.5	4.3	7.1
	1975	56.6	21.8	38.5	60.2	34.1	60.2	0.7	1.3
	1976	69.6	28.2	40.5	48.6	33.8	48.6	7.6	10.9
Fruits and vegetables	1974	69.7	4.8	6.9	30.4	21.2	30.4	43.7	62.7
	1975	71.5	4.7	6.6	32.9	23.5	32.9	43.3	60.5
	1976	71.9	4.4	6.1	36.9	26.5	36.9	41.0	57.0
Oilseed cake and meal	1974	33.0	22.2	67.2	18.2	6.0	18.2	4.8	14.6
	1975	24.7	20.1	81.4	4.4	1.1	4.4	3.5	14.2
	1976	37.8	24.1	63.8	15.3	5.8	15.3	7.9	20.9
Unmanufactured tobacco	1974	37.1	13.9	37.5	---	---	---	23.2	62.5
	1975	41.3	10.0	24.2	---	---	---	31.3	75.8
	1976	23.7	10.6	44.7	13.5	3.2	13.5	9.9	41.8
Other	1974	243.4	4.9	2.0	59.4	144.6	59.4	93.9	38.6
	1975	261.8	6.0	2.3	60.8	159.2	60.8	96.6	36.9
	1976	270.0	5.2	1.9	64.8	174.9	64.8	89.9	33.3
Total agricultural imports	1974	517.1	56.1	10.8	54.8	283.3	54.8	177.7	34.4
	1975	530.9	72.1	13.6	52.1	276.7	52.1	182.1	34.3
	1976	532.4	79.1	14.9	55.0	292.8	55.0	160.5	30.1
Total imports	1974	3,813.1	247.0	6.5	68.3	2,604.0	68.3	962.1	25.2
	1975	3,768.6	271.5	7.2	69.2	2,605.8	69.2	891.3	23.6
	1976	4,087.6	348.2	8.5	69.4	2,836.8	69.4	902.6	22.1

--- None or negligible.

Source: Compiled from UN trade runs, 1974-75 and Trade Statistics of Ireland, 1976.

INTERNATIONAL PRICE HIGHLIGHTS

In January, international commodity prices generally stayed at their December level. The Dow Jones commodity spot price index, reflecting the commodity price situation, went from an index of 349 in December to 348 in January.

At the Gulf ports, U.S. Hard Winter wheat rose 2 percent to \$3.25 a bushel. C.i.f. Rotterdam prices for U.S. Hard Winter wheat and Dark Northern Spring wheat also increased slightly.

Corn and grain sorghum also showed only slight price increases, with the Gulf ports price for corn reaching \$2.57 a bushel. Soybeans, which enjoyed a short price rally in December as a result of strong export demand, settled down to a Gulf ports export price of \$6.24 a bushel. In the soybean complex, January's U.S. soybean meal prices were \$200 a metric ton in Rotterdam, the same as in December.

The Thai white rice price reached \$338 a ton, the highest point in well over 2 years, as the price effects of short rice crops in Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, and the United States took hold.

The c.i.f. Osaka price for Arizona cotton strengthened to 64 cents a pound after a 9-month downslide. Strong export demand for U.S. cotton buoyed prices. Among imported commodities, cow meat rose 16 percent to 78 cents a pound.

New York's spot price for coffee rose slightly to \$2.09 a pound. The New York cocoa bean futures price declined slightly to \$1.31 a pound, as new crop supply reports of lower grindings in major importing countries helped ease prices from last year's record levels.

Since November, there have been no New York spot price quotations for raw cane sugar. The London Daily Price, which is also used as an indicator of world sugar price movements, has been strengthening since November. Its price for raw cane sugar, c.i.f. U.K., was 9.72 cents a pound, 8 percent higher in dollar terms and 4 percent higher in terms of British pounds than the December quotations.

Fundamentals point to a buildup in world sugar stocks during 1978, but recent large Chinese purchases of raw sugar, and the hopes pinned on the new International Sugar Agreement have strengthened sugar prices in recent months.

In addition to specific commodity developments, the weakening of the dollar in international money markets may also have contributed to the buoying of international commodity prices.

Table 17--Selected prices of international significance

Year and month	Wheat, U.S. No. 2, hard winter, ordinary protein, f.o.b. vessel, Gulf ports	Wheat, U.S. No. 2, hard winter, ordinary protein, c.i.f., Rotterdam 1/	Wheat, U.S. No. 2, Dark Northern Spring, c.i.f., Rotterdam 1/	Wheat, U.S. No. 2, Dark Northern Spring, c.i.f., Rotterdam 1/	Wheat, No. 1, Canadian, Western Red Spring, 13 1/2-percent protein, in store, Thunder Bay	Wheat, No. 1, Canadian, Western Red Spring, 13 1/2-percent protein, c.i.f., Rotterdam 1/	Corn, U.S., No. 2 yellow, c.i.f., Rotterdam 1/
1977 Average	\$/bu. 2.86	\$/m.t. 104.90	\$/bu. 3.07	\$/m.t. 126	Can. \$/bu. 3.37	\$/m.t. 133	\$/m.t. 106
January	2.97	109.12	3.12	128.80	3.48	145	123
February	3.04	111.70	3.12	128.80	3.48	145	123
March	2.97	109.13	3.12	128.80	3.48	145	123
April	2.83	103.98	3.05	128.80	3.48	145	123
May	2.65	97.37	2.88	128.80	3.48	145	123
June	2.56	94.06	2.70	128.80	3.48	145	123
July	2.66	97.74	2.70	128.80	3.48	145	123
August	2.63	96.64	2.70	128.80	3.48	145	123
September	2.78	102.15	2.85	128.80	3.48	145	123
October	2.90	106.56	2.95	128.80	3.48	145	123
November	3.12	114.64	3.02	128.80	3.48	145	123
December	3.18	116.84	3.02	128.80	3.48	145	123
1978 Average	3.25	119.42	2.96	108.76	3.64	152	108
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1977 Average	\$/m.t. 114	\$/m.t. 99	\$/bu. 7.37	\$/m.t. 270.92	\$/m.t. 283	\$/m.t. 232	\$/m.t. 67.22
January	132	111	7.36	270.43	287	251	1,482
February	132	113	7.78	285.86	293	251	1,593
March	127	108	8.65	317.83	328	268	1,705
April	120	100	10.03	368.54	384	272	1,866
May	116	97	9.84	361.56	371	288	1,821
June	112	92	8.50	312.32	326	298	1,666
July	101	89	6.80	249.86	282	253	1,520
August	93	87	6.30	231.49	230	221	1,363
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Table 17--Selected prices of international significance--Continued

Year and month	Imported cow meat, 90-percent lean, frozen, boneless, f.o.b. U.S., port of entry		Coffee, No. 4, New York, Spot		Sugar, cane, 96°, spot, New York		Sugar, cane, raw, 96° spot, f.o.b. and stowed, port of origin		New York cocoa bean futures price		Crude rubber, No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets New York spot		Dow Jones commodity spot price index		
	c/lb.	\$/m.t.	c/lb.	\$/m.t.	c/lb.	\$/m.t.	c/lb.	\$/m.t.	c/lb.	\$/m.t.	c/lb.	\$/m.t.			
1977 Average	68.43	1,506	240.62	5,304	10.99	242	8.21	181	8.41	185	172.03	3,793	41.6	917	389
January	71.55	1,577	222.00	4,896	10.95	241	8.37	185	8.79	183	154.4	3,404	40.8	899	380
February	74.35	1,638	240.50	5,302	11.06	244	8.56	189	8.29	185	172.8	3,809	41.1	906	398
March	73.56	1,622	316.10	6,969	11.67	257	8.93	197	8.91	196	183.4	4,043	41.5	915	435
April	70.33	1,551	327.30	7,216	12.57	277	10.12	223	9.32	219	162.2	3,576	40.9	902	431
May	67.95	1,498	304.77	6,719	11.34	250	8.94	197	8.70	192	170.0	3,748	40.2	886	422
June	66.28	1,461	279.58	6,164	10.28	227	8.64	188	7.64	168	195.1	4,301	39.4	860	405
July	64.31	1,418	218.00	4,806	10.15	224	7.82	172	7.55	166	200.9	4,429	39.0	869	381
August	63.01	1,389	202.00	4,643	11.21	247	7.61	168	7.61	190	179.7	3,962	40.7	897	360
September	64.18	1,415	197.00	4,346	10.41	230	7.30	161	7.81	172	177.8	3,919	44.4	979	370
October	66.37	1,463	185.00	4,078	10.24	226	7.08	156	8.31	183	159.5	3,516	44.5	981	367
November	67.23	1,487	190.25	4,194	n.q.	n.q.	n.q.	n.q.	n.q.	n.q.	160.3	3,534	44.0	970	368
December	71.89	1,548	204.88	4,517	n.q.	n.q.	n.q.	n.q.	n.q.	n.q.	148.3	3,269	42.6	939	349
1978 Average	77.81	1,715	208.62	4,599	n.q.	n.q.	n.q.	n.q.	n.q.	n.q.	131.2	2,892	43.5	959	348
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n.q. = No quotation.

1/ Offering prices.

2/ New York spot price minus .625 cents duty and minus freight and insurance from Caribbean to New York.

Source: Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Economics and Statistics, FAO; Rice Trade Intelligence, FAO; The Public Ledger, London; Grain Market News, AMA, USDA, Rice Market News, AMS, USDA; Foreign Agriculture, FAS, USDA; Bangkok Board of Trade; Reuters; Cotton and General Economic Review, Liverpool; The National Provisions, Chicago; The Wall Street Journal; The Journal of Commerce; New York Coffee Sugar Exchange; Bureau of Labor Statistics, Spot Market Prices and Oil World, Hamburg.

Table 18 --Quantity indexes: U.S. agricultural exports,
October-September 1969-77, monthly and accumulated, October 1976 to date

Year and month	Animals and animal products	Cotton and linters	Tobacco, unmanu- factured	Grains and feeds	Oilseeds and products	Fruits and vegetables	All agricultural commodities
-- (Calendar year 1967 = 100) --							
1968/69	107	64	94	85	104	97	91
1969/70	103	70	95	101	163	109	109
1970/71	121	106	106	104	161	97	115
1971/72	138	77	92	112	152	115	119
1972/73	125	145	105	185	174	128	162
1973/74	132	147	119	161	202	137	161
1974/75	133	107	106	162	158	144	149
1975/76	154	84	105	192	195	170	172
1976/77	170	115	114	182	197	184	177
-- Adjusted for seasonal variation --							
Monthly 1976/77:							
October	169	107	102	228	200	180	190
November	167	120	72	168	187	198	165
December	176	115	129	164	198	211	172
January	159	109	133	147	195	186	159
February	183	130	126	164	207	197	175
March	146	121	122	180	231	168	182
April	160	141	68	181	203	189	177
May	148	114	92	187	250	178	187
June	169	131	115	182	154	177	166
July	182	93	178	184	175	178	179
August	185	71	127	189	168	163	171
September	208	92	151	217	167	185	204
1977/78:							
October	160	74	31	153	239	136	158
November	153	152	73	151	251	135	170
December	183	154	167	195	218	178	195
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1976/77:							
October	167	70	118	225	229	203	201
November	165	88	107	191	251	223	191
December	190	124	169	175	230	210	188
January	165	116	165	150	211	172	167
February	191	160	116	162	226	176	177
March	173	168	119	176	269	172	194
April	171	169	63	177	231	189	183
May	160	128	79	177	235	196	179
June	162	144	86	171	147	195	159
July	161	88	110	180	134	178	158
August	159	58	99	187	103	134	150
September	183	64	143	211	100	163	173
1977/78							
October	158	48	35	151	273	153	168
November	151	110	109	173	336	152	197
December	188	163	220	208	254	177	214
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Table 19--Quantity indexes: U.S. agricultural imports,
October-September 1969-77, monthly and accumulated, October 1976 to date

Year and month	Supplementary					Complementary			All agricultural commodities
	Animals and animal products	Grains and feeds	Oilseeds and products	Sugar and related products	Total	Cocoa, coffee, and tea	Rubber and allied gums	Total	
-- (Calendar year 1967 = 100) --									
1968/69	113	103	106	101	109	92	123	97	104
1969/70	120	145	104	111	117	100	126	102	111
1970/71	118	127	107	116	121	111	135	113	118
1971/72	125	212	137	115	134	96	128	103	121
1972/73	140	256	134	113	150	109	143	115	136
1973/74	137	261	120	126	152	105	154	113	136
1974/75	109	236	145	96	131	93	140	101	118
1975/76	135	243	205	100	154	105	164	115	138
1976/77	134	255	186	113	163	90	168	107	140
-- Adjusted for seasonal variation --									
Monthly 1976/77:									
October	135	203	88	121	154	86	135	98	131
November	128	212	223	105	153	108	145	118	139
December	130	199	206	119	162	110	167	123	146
January	113	249	240	112	149	103	163	113	135
February	130	252	210	128	169	104	159	115	146
March	125	260	182	102	155	98	205	113	137
April	139	291	180	112	171	108	198	123	150
May	144	254	163	116	170	90	141	110	144
June	138	345	273	94	167	79	187	102	138
July	141	235	142	109	163	60	206	85	130
August	144	243	174	110	164	58	128	83	134
September	141	320	149	126	177	63	184	96	147
1977/78:									
October	110	193	97	120	147	58	198	87	122
November	91	189	101	151	127	62	107	76	106
December	190	228	129	270	220	75	199	100	169
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1976/77:									
October	133	226	1/ 91	128	1/ 147	68	132	86	1/ 122
November	138	229	298	82	153	99	137	112	136
December	139	221	216	112	163	113	181	126	148
January	126	221	234	69	149	123	184	129	141
February	128	194	219	113	168	108	147	114	146
March	130	232	186	96	166	121	217	134	153
April	129	248	151	123	174	115	187	128	155
May	133	286	159	113	163	92	133	105	139
June	134	391	233	112	171	81	185	2/ 105	2/ 143
July	131	230	145	122	158	60	191	86	128
August	138	263	155	130	163	54	129	78	128
September	142	319	141	151	178	48	200	83	139
1977/78:									
October	109	211	101	129	141	45	192	75	113
November	98	204	137	118	127	57	100	72	104
December	204	253	136	254	221	77	216	104	172
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1/ Excludes imports of coconut oil. 2/ Excludes imports of fibers, excl. cotton and jute.

Explanatory Note

U.S. foreign agricultural trade statistics in this report include official U.S. data based on compilations of the Bureau of the Census. Agricultural commodities consist of (1) nonmarine food products and (2) other products of agriculture which have not passed through complex processes of manufacture such as raw hides and skins, fats and oils, and wine. Such manufactured products as textiles, leather, boots and shoes, cigarettes, naval stores, forestry products, and distilled alcoholic beverages are not considered agricultural.

The trade statistics exclude shipments between the 50 States and Puerto Rico, between the 50 States and the island possessions, between Puerto Rico and the island possessions, among the island possessions, and intransit through the United States from one foreign country to another when documented as such through U.S. Customs.

EXPORTS The export statistics also exclude shipments to the U.S. armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use and supplies for vessels and aircraft engaged in foreign trade. Data on shipments valued at less than \$251 are not compiled by commodity and are excluded from agricultural statistics but are reflected in non-agricultural and overall export totals in this report. The agricultural export statistics include shipments under P.L. 83-480 (Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act), and related laws; under P.L. 87-195 (Act for International Development); and involving Government payments to exporters through 1974. USDA payments are excluded from the export value. Separate statistics on Government Program exports are compiled by USDA from data obtained from operating agencies.

The export value, the value at the port of exportation, is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port. The country of destination is the country of ultimate destination or where the commodities are to be consumed, further processed, or manufactured. When the shipper does not know the ultimate destination, the shipments are credited to the last country known to him at the time of shipment from the United States. Shipments of certain U.S. grain from Great Lakes ports to Canadian ports are designated as exports to "unidentified countries." Except for Canada, export shipments valued at \$251-\$999 are included on the basis of sampling estimates; shipments to Canada valued at \$251-\$1,999 are sampled.

IMPORTS Imports for consumption are a combination of entries for immediate consumption and withdrawals from warehouses for consumption. Data on shipments valued at less than \$251 are estimated on the basis of a 1-percent sample and are not compiled by commodity. They are excluded from agricultural statistics but are reflected in nonagricultural and overall import totals in this report.

The import value, defined generally as the market value in the foreign country, excludes import duties, ocean freight, and marine insurance. The country of origin is defined as the country where the commodities were grown or processed. When the country of origin is not known, the imports are credited to the country of shipment.

Imports similar to agricultural commodities produced commercially in the United States and others that are interchangeable in use to any significant extent with such U.S. commodities are supplementary or partly competitive. All other commodities are complementary or noncompetitive.

Further explanatory material on foreign trade statistics and compilation procedures of the Bureau of the Census is contained in the publications of that agency.

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